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**HOLDERNESS
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Year Ending December 31, 2002



Shown on the cover is the steamer **Halcyon** heading downriver, approaching Holderness Village Bridge in 1906. This craft, typically with a crew of four, was a mail boat that serviced the island residents on Squam Lake, and could also carry up to 100 passengers. The vessel was built for A.E. Fifield, manager of the Asquam Transportation Company of Ashland. Built by Burt Fifield and his father in 1903, the boat measured 50 feet long with a beam of 12 feet. The craft was the pride of the Asquam Transportation Company and was a great favorite of summer residents early last century.

Postcard courtesy of Peter Francesco

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**of the
TOWN OF
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TOWN OFFICERS -2002

ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association
Wil Corcoran

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Martha Macomber (School Board)
Earle Jenkins 3/2005
Samuel Laverack (S.L.)
Kurt Magnus, Chrm. 3/2004
Peter Webster 3/2003

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Richard Mardin *

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Shelagh Connelly 3/2003
Barbara Currier (S.L.)
Lynn Johnson 3/2005
Anne Packard 3/2005
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2003
Elizabeth Moran 3/2005
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2005

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Peter Furmanick

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Richard D. Currier
Earl Hansen
Harry Maybeck

FIRE CHIEF

Richard Mardin *

FIRE WARDEN

Richard Mardin *

FIRE WARDS

** David Dupuis 3/2003
** Earl Hansen 3/2004
** Harold Maybeck 3/2005

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling
Adam Tatem

LANDFILL CLOSING COMMITTEE

Peter Francesco (S.L.)
Lynn Johnson, Chairman
Chris Devine
Robert Snelling

LIBRARIAN

Mary Delashmit

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

** Janet Hunt-Hawkins 3/2005
** Amanda Loud 3/2004
** Alan Mather 3/2003
** Anthony Raymond 3/2004
** Laurence Webster 3/2003

MODERATOR

** Ross V. Deachman 3/2003

MUNICIPAL SECRETARY

Dee Canavan

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Georgene Fabian

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor, Chairman

PLANNING BOARD

Lorraine Downs-Lenentine 3/2005
David Driscoll 3/2005
Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2003
Steven Huss (S.L.) *
Michael O'Donnell 3/2004
Suzanne Peoples, Alt 3/2004
Janet Snow 3/2003
Joanna Tuverson, Alt 3/2004
William Waldrip 3/2003

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Merritt "Doug" Salmon
Patrol Officer Carey S. Girouard
Sgt. Shawn Magoon
Patrol Officer. Mark Nash
Corporal Jeremiah Patridge
Stephanie MacKay – Secretary

RECREATION BOARD

Art Bartholomew (S.L.)
Janet Cocchiaro 3/2005
Kay Hanson, Director *
Marty Kass, Alt. 3/2003
Thomas Stepp, Chrm. 3/2004
George Sutcliffe 3/2005
Peter Durnan 3/2004
Robin Peck, Alt. 3/2003
Gail Smith, Alt. 3/2005

TOWN OFFICERS -2002

SCHOOL BOARD

** Ty Gagne, Chrm.	3/2004
** Martha Macomber	3/2003
** Joseph Ready	3/2005
** James Scales	3/2004
** Shane Sirles	3/2003

SELECTMEN

** D. Arthur Bartholomew	3/2005
** Barbara Currier	3/2004
** Steven L. Huss, Chrm.	3/2004
** Peter S. Francesco	3/2005
** Samuel Laverack, VChrm.	3/2003

SEWER DISTRICT MANAGER

Ellen King-Mgr	*
Paul Weston, Adm	*

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

** Roger Gage	3/2004
** Hazel Hall	3/2006
** Anthony Raymond	3/2008

TAX COLLECTOR

** Ellen King	3/2005
Alicia Abbott, Deputy	*

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Paul Weston

TOWN AUDITORS

Vachon & Clukay
David Clukay
131 Middle Street
Manchester, NH 03010

TOWN CLERK

** Ellen King	3/2005
Alicia Abbott, Deputy	

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Barbara Currier (S.L.)
Larry Gooch, Chrm.
Paul Montour
Steven Szabadics
Alden VanSickle
Margaret Winton

TOWN TREASURER

** Michael O'Leary	3/2003
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TRANSFER STATION

DESIGN COMMITTEE

Christopher Devine
Peter Francesco
Peter Furmanick
Ann Packard
Suzanne Peoples
Robert Snelling

TRANSFER STATION SITE COMMITTEE

Alden (Skip) Van Sickle
Peter Francesco
Suzanne Peoples
Anne Packard
Christopher Devine
Robert Snelling

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND

** Robert Sargeant	3/2004
** Maurice Lafreniere	3/2005
** Anthony Raymond	3/2003

VILLAGE SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Maureen Clifford
Randolph Currier
William Dembiec
David Driscoll, Chrm.
Roger Gage
Samuel Laverack (S.L.)
Eric Nielsen
Anthony Raymond
Eugene Ross

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jack Barbera, Chr	3/2003
Ronald Huntoon, V.Chr	3/2003
Ivan Bass	3/2003
Gyda Dicosola	3/2004
Larry Gooch,	3/2003
Harry Decker, Alt.	3/2005
Susan Webster, Alt.	3/2005

* "...until another person shall be chosen and qualified..."

** ...Elected Officials...
S.L...Selectmen Liaison

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2002 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2002



Left to Right Paul Weston (Town Administrator), Selectman Arthur Bartholomew, Selectman Peter Francesco, Steve Huss (Chairman), Selectman Barbara Currier, Sam Laverack (Vice-Chairman), Dee Canavan (Municipal Secretary).

Five Selectmen met nearly every Monday evening throughout the year to manage the Town's affairs. For the most part it was business as usual as we worked to provide the necessary services and contain spending. We were successful in this endeavor and are able to report a significant surplus this year.

The Town faced an unexpected expense in necessary repairs to the Town Hall in 2002. The joists had separated in the attic severely affecting the structural integrity of the building. Several engineering firms were contacted to review the situation and provide alternative solutions. Our Town Hall Committee analyzed all of the options and made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the proper cure. In the end it was decided to secure all of the trusses with steel plate, a project that was completed late in the fall. This project had the impact of an unexpected \$70,000.00 expense in the fiscal year. We are assured by the engineers that Town Hall is now secure and structurally sound.

The Selectmen would like to commend the various department heads for their understanding and cooperation through this unanticipated event. Many of the department heads offered to curtail spending on budgeted items and projects to allow funds to be diverted to the Town Hall project. The working relationship between all of the departments has been exceptional. Thank you department heads!

In our continued endeavor to find a new location for the transfer station, the Transfer Station Site Relocation Committee spent a good deal of time investigating and analyzing potential new sites. Several public meetings were held to share findings and gather input from the public. In the end the Committee has recommended the same site as the previous committee: the Wilson and Margaret Earl Property on East Holderness Road. The Selectmen have accepted and agreed to this recommendation, and you will find two articles on this year's warrant regarding both the relocation of the Transfer Station and the State mandated closure of the landfill located on Tada Dump Road. We anticipate this project will occupy a good deal of our efforts over the next twelve months.

The town wide property revaluation continues to move toward completion in 2003. A majority of the properties in town have already been inspected as of this writing. We

anticipate wrapping up this project this summer. Once values are set by our assessing firm of Corcoran Associates, each property owner will be notified and provided the opportunity to meet individually with the assessors. Please keep an eye on this process and communicate with Town Hall and the assessors as we finalize the Town's values.

Your Selectmen meet almost every Monday evening at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Your input and participation are welcome and necessary to continue our truly democratic process. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Holderness Board of Selectmen
Steven L. Huss, Chairman

2002 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

It is with pride and pleasure I submit to you on behalf of the Board of Selectmen the 2002 Annual Town Report. This book contains a wealth of information and statistics concerning the expenditure of your tax dollars for municipal, school, and related purposes. In our democratic system it is important to communicate fully the activities which we have been working on during the past year.

Steve Huss, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, has outlined several of our larger projects within his report, thus I want to focus on our new employees. Employees I believe are our most important resource – we endeavor to hire the very best people to serve your needs- and we have been fortunate to attract some special people to join us this year. Within the Public Works Department Dennis Hughes was hired as a Truck Driver/Laborer, coming over from the NH Department of Transportation where he worked doing similar duties. Dennis, a grandson of long time Highway Agent Lyle Thompson, is a skilled equipment operator with many mechanical skills – we were fortunate to hire him. Richard Mardin, our long term Fire Chief, smoothly returned to the Compliance Officer/Health Officer duties fulltime. Alicia Abbott was hired as our new Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk at the Town Office, and capably assists Ellen King at the front counter. At the Transfer Station and Recycling facility we are pleased that Ernest Brown has assumed the reins under the direction of Peter Furmanick, Highway Agent. Gary Moulton assists part-time as the Transfer Station as well. Finally, Stephanie MacKay has been hired as part-time Secretary within the Police Department. These new employees join our veterans in seeking to provide quality services to you each day, and I am proud of their level of expertise and devotion to their duties. Because I have served in several towns and cities during my public management career, I appreciate the caliber and the community spirit shown by the Holderness employees each day.

In March, 2002, Arthur Bartholomew was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen, and Peter Francesco transitioned from Compliance Officer (and Chairman of the School Board) over to be elected as Selectman. The five person Board of Selectmen continues to work well together, bringing a wealth of management experience to bear on the challenges and choices that we confront each Monday evening. Clearly this Board is one of the best I have ever worked with during my career, and I want to thank them for their service to the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Holderness.

In closing, I want to also sincerely thank the Selectmen, fellow Town employees, and you, the citizens, for your continued support and assistance this past year. I continue to feel it is a privilege and an honor to serve as your Town Administrator in such a beautiful location, and with such special people, here in Holderness, NH.

Sincerely,
R. Paul Weston



*R. Paul Weston
Town Administra-*



*Dee Canavan
Municipal Secretary*

TOWN BEACH 2002

The Town Beach was again administered by the Holderness Recreation Department. Volunteers from Holderness School (prep school) and members of the Recreation Board of Directors helped in preparing the beach for summer use. All of them put in a day of work raking the beach, setting out the raft and swim area markers and installing the swings on the swing set. The same two groups of volunteers came again in the fall to haul out the raft, and close down the beach for the winter.

From June 15 through Labor Day, a beach attendant was on duty from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The duties of the beach attendant include monitoring the use of the beach by Holderness residents/taxpayers and their guests, and to enforce the rules of the use of the beach as stated in the Rules and Regulations sheet supplied with the purchase of a Holderness Beach Pass. The Beach Attendants are not lifeguards, and although they have the authority to enforce the rules and regulations of the use of the beach and its facilities, they are not hired as, nor necessarily are qualified, as lifeguards.

In addition to a fine, sandy beach, the Town Beach provides swing sets, picnic tables, a raft, portapotties, and a changing room. A public phone is provided for limited local calls and emergency use. Although trash receptacles are provided, we are appreciative of the many beach goers who complied with our "carry-in and carry-out" policy.

Town Beach Passes for the summer of 2003 can be secured at the Holderness Town Hall. 254 beach passes were purchased for the summer of 2002. At the time of purchase be sure to take the one page Town Beach Rules and Regulations handout.

We thank the many users of the Beach for their support and help in maintaining a wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Janet Cocchiaro
Peter Durnan
Martin Kass
Robin Peck
Gail Smith
Kay Hanson (Recreation Director)

COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT 2002

PERMITS ISSUED

Additions.....	13
Alteration - Repairs.....	17
Cottages	2
Commercial Buildings	3
Commercial Renovations.....	2
Commercial Exhibits	2
Decks	9
Demolitions.....	9
Docks	5
Driveway Paving.....	2
Foundations.....	1
Gazebo	1
Garages	15
Mobil Home Replacement.....	1
Residences	26
Swimming Pool.....	1
Septic System (New)	34
Septic System (Repair)	5
Sheds.....	12
Tennis Courts	1
Wells	16
Applications Reviewed.....	170
Permits Issued.....	139
Permits Denied.....	6
Variance Received.....	2

Respectfully submitted
Richard Mardin
Fire Chief/Compliance Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 2002

The major focus of the commission in 2002 continued to be the three town conservation properties. Members of the commission visit all three properties on a regular basis, both for trail repairs and LCIP related duties. This year, using money from the Conservation Commission's special accounts fund, we hired a forester to do a natural resource inventory of the Pilote Property. We will be using that report during the next decade to manage the property. Although no cuts are required at the present time, suggestions were made as to how to improve existing timber stands for both timber and wildlife.

We have continued our cooperative arrangement with Plymouth State College PSC Pride Day Program. Students from the college cleaned up on the Holderness side of Livermore Falls, the Pemi Riverside Park property, and worked on the Pilote Property. We also gave the new principal of Holderness Central School a tour of the conservation properties and began discussions on how the Central School children might become involved with the work of the commission. A late Fall meeting was held with the Campton Conservation Commission at the Pemi Riverside Park where we discussed how to work cooperatively with that commission on a possible segment of the NH Heritage Trail.

The commission continues to deal on a regular basis with items related to docks and wetlands permits. We hired a soil scientist and began a project to re-map the boundaries of existing prime wetlands in town. Many thanks to Marty Riess who volunteered to assist us by supplying us with GPS data points for the hydric soil boundaries. One of our members, Lynn Johnson, has been an active member of the "Landfill Closing Committee" and has kept us informed of the progress of that group. Another member, Anne Packard, has been an active member of the Transfer Station Site Relocation Committee and now the Transfer Station Design Committee. She has kept us informed as to the work of those two groups. We met with the director of exhibits of the Squam Lakes Science Center and made an on site visit to determine the impacts of a new planned exhibit that was located adjacent to a stream.

The only changes in membership this year are that Commissioner Connelly has resigned and new commissioners, Jacque Jewell and Betsey Moran, have been appointed. The Commission thanks Shelagh for her work over the past few years and looks forward to her return when her schedule is less hectic.

The Commission meets the second Wednesday at 7 PM at the town hall every month except for the summer months. Special meetings and field inspections are sometimes held in between regular meetings. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the Commission, please contact the Chair. All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public and we welcome all comments and any offers of assistance.

Submitted by:
Jacque Jewell
Lynn Johnson
Betsey Moran
Anne Packard
Larry Spencer, Chairman

CURRENT USE REPORT - 2002

TOTAL PARCELS.....	204
TOTAL ACRE	5,404
TOTAL VALUE.....	\$900,432

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- 2002

A major qualitative change occurred in the Holderness Fire Department in 2002 with Richard Mardin stepping into the newly created position of full-time Fire Chief/Compliance Officer. Chief Mardin is now working out of the Holderness Fire/Police Station Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and can be reached at the HFD business line--968-4491. (The emergency phone number remains "911".) Townspeople can stop in or call him about building permits or fire related questions, and can arrange for business or home fire safety inspections. Outside of these administrative duties, it is very helpful to have the Chief physically in the Fire Station for much of the Mon.-Fri. working hours, ready to instantly coordinate our response to any emergency calls.

The HFD had a record number of calls in 2002 with a total of 239. Additional potential calls were not toned out because Chief Mardin was in the Station and was able to personally handle the situations. Medical Aid again dominated the call breakdown with 90 incidents. To meet this demand for medical expertise, the HFD currently has 2 paramedics and 9 EMTs. Over 110 hours of training are required to achieve the basic EMT certification and about 35-40 hours of training per year are needed to keep a license current. Several of the Department's EMTs have the higher level "EMTI" certification which requires 100 hours of training every two years.

The Holderness Fire Department now has in service a new Ski-Doo 2-speed work snowmobile and a Polaris rescue sled. (Town funds purchased the snowmobile and donations funded the sled and a trailer to carry them both.) This unit can respond to snowmobile accidents, fires in unplowed areas (to carry equipment), and some ice rescues. For the summer months the HFD has procured from the Meredith Police Department a used 20-foot inboard/outboard boat which has been converted into a fire/rescue boat. This unit will be in service in the spring of 2003 and we are looking for an ideal docking space.

Operation Santa expanded in 2002 to provide Christmas gifts for 58 Holderness children. Many thanks to Dave Dupuis for again organizing the program and to the generous businesses and individuals whose donations make Operation Santa possible.

The death of Roger Hawkins in 2002 marked the end of an era for the Holderness Fire Department. Roger (the brother of Kip and Ken Hawkins) was the last living charter member of the original fire company formed in 1932. In addition to the three Hawkins brothers, the other charter members were Roy Greenleaf, Roger Haines, George Heath, Lawrence W. Marden, Robert Marden, Howard L. Moore, William Muzzey, Harold S. Perkins, Lloyd D. Perkins, R. Preston Piper, George Plant, Perley A. Watts, and Lawrence P. Welch.

We wish to thank the Townspeople of Holderness for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Stepp, Clerk
Holderness Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2002 CALL SUMMARY

Medical Aid.....	90
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	30
Mutual Aid	24
Alarm Activations	19
Smoke Investigations.....	13
Arcing Wires.....	8
Fuel Spills	8
Forest/Field Fires	6
Vehicle Fires	4
Service Calls	4
Structure Fires.....	3
Rescues	2
Chimney Fires.....	2
Electrical Fires	2
Furnace Problems	1
HAZMAT.....	1
Other	<u>22</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>239</u>

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT 2002

For the second year in a row, we were plagued with extremely hot and humid weather and the lack of rain. We were forced to cease all open burning during the months of June, July, and August.

On 4-7-2002 we responded to Wild Rose Lane to extinguish a field fire.

On 7-12-2002 we responded to Big Birch Island in White Oak Pond for an unattended campfire that burned down into the duff.

On 8-8-2002 we responded to Waukegan Golf Course in Center Harbor for a forest fire.

On 8-18-2002 we responded, for two days, on Route 113, in the Town of Sandwich for a forest fire.

On 8-19-2002 we responded to Hebron for a forest fire on Bear Mountain.

On 9-3-2002 we responded to Plymouth, Tenney Mountain Highway, for a forest/field fire.

A total of 280 Fire Permits were issued by the Town Clerk and the Fire Warden.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Mardin, Forest Fire Warden

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

January 2002 marked not only the beginning of a new year but also the beginning of a new era at the Holderness Free Library. Our new bar-coding system and computerized card catalogue system have been going well. The Library Director has been able to keep track of books and records better than ever before. And books are not all the library has. As we struggle to keep up with the changing technology at hand, our DVD collection has grown significantly. Furthermore, the Trustees hope to increase accessibility to the library by putting the library on the internet. We hope to launch a website in 2003- and on-line card catalogue, too. Our struggle with technology also involved the lengthy process of reviewing, updating, and compiling library by-laws and policies.

The Trustees have also been busy maintaining the library building itself. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we added a new air conditioner, making the library a pleasant place for the public in the summer as well as the winter. We did some restoration and painting to the entry of the library. Our library, however, is showing her age. Built in the 19th century, it is Holderness' only registered historic building. But she is in need of repair, and she does not conform to ADA (handicapped) access. This lack of conformity affects not only the ability of our patrons to utilize the library to its fullest extent, but it also affects the library's ability to qualify for certain grants and program funds. As mentioned in the summer newsletter, the trustees are planning to launch a fundraising campaign to improve our library by adding more space for computers (the future of libraries!) and a much needed handicapped access. Anyone interested in being a part of this should contact a trustee.

The Trustees at the Holderness Free Library wish to thank first of all our library director, Mary DeLashmit. We are also deeply appreciative of all the many volunteers who have contributed their time and energy to the library. The Friends have been indispensable this year, donating both funds and elbow-grease. We greatly appreciate their work at cleaning and rearranging the basement. And we greatly appreciate the work of the community as a whole. With help and interest too numerous to list, let us just say we are humbly reminded that the Holderness Free Library is also a community library.

Respectfully submitted,
The Trustees of the Holderness Free Library
Larry Webster (co-chair/ treasurer)
Amanda Loud(co-chair)
Janet Hunt-Hawkins
Tony Raymond (secretary)
Al Mather

2002 HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STATISTICS

	2000	2001	2002
CIRCULATION			
Adult items	7774	7580	7775
Child's items	5227	4988	5024
Total items	13,000	12,568	12,799
PATRONS			
Families registered	1074	1169	1250
HOLDINGS*	17,279	17,640	16,136*
(all items)			

* Reflects the more accurate figure of items now counted by the computer.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays, 1 – 6 pm, Fridays, Saturdays – 10 am to 5 pm

ACTIVITIES

The Summer Reading Program this year was “Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My!”. Story Times were held in July and August. We wish to thank all our volunteers, as well as the Plymouth and Meredith McDonald's restaurants for again offering food coupons for books read by the children.

Our annual Friends' Plant, Book and Food Sale was held as usual on the Memorial Day Saturday, however, the December Carol Singing and lighting of the Christmas Tree, which was sponsored by the Historical Society, was not held this year. Instead we offered a Christmas Story Hour on Monday, December 23rd. We hope to add a Family Christmas Story Hours and Activity time in the coming year, as well as repeating our popular Doll Party sometime in the Spring.

The Library Director writes an irregular e-mail library news letter, telling patrons about new items which the library acquires, and about local events when we know of them. If you have not been receiving this, and would like to, please send an e-mail to holdrnes@worldpath.net asking to be on the list. (Please include your real name in the e-mail as well. Thank you.) She also sends along other e-mails of primary interest to businesses in the area, such as Chamber of Commerce e-mails, etc.. These e-mails are forwarded only to those especially requesting to be on a “special” mailing list. Please let us know if you wish your name on that list as well.

We have been issuing new cards to all patrons, and using our new barcode system. Each time you check something out, you receive a slip telling you what you have just checked out and also anything you may still have out at home, along with their due dates. We have noticed a great reduction in the number of overdue to the library, due to this reminder. Another benefit of the new system is that searches in the online database to

make finding what you want much easier. And we expect to be able to give you access to our database from your home at some later date, after we build a website.

Besides a constant influx of new books, we have continued to add to our DVDs and books on CD collections, as well as getting many new VHS and audio tapes. At the closing of the Ashland Video Rental we acquired some of their videos, when the owner invited the local libraries to come pick out whatever they wanted. We thank her very kindly for such a wonderful addition to our collection – which is getting even more use now that she has closed.

The Friends of the Library did a beautiful job of cleaning up our basement for us this year, and have taken over the Books for Sale area. It is now much easier to find good items to buy!

We are attempting to keep the walkway in front of the library clear, but it is difficult, once the ice has built up on it. We wish to thank the various people who have helped to keep us plowed and shoveled this winter – quite a task!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary DeLashmit
Library Director

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12 & 13, 2002**

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 12 and 13, 2002 the following business was transacted.

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 12, 2002 at the Holderness Town Hall, the Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and started the reading of the warrant. After reading Articles 1 and 2, the Moderator declared the polls open. At 7:00 p.m. the polls were closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at the Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed. Moderator, Ross Deachman suspended with unanimous concurrence further action on the warrant and read the Dedication of the 2001 Annual Town Report. Steve Huss, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, recognized and thanked the Police Department for their handling of a serious situation in January. He also recognized the excellent support from the Fire Department and Highway Department. Chairman Huss presented Chief Merritt Salmon as a member of the Holderness Police Department a Commendation for their exemplary handling of the highly volatile situation that occurred between January 8th and 12th, 2002. Chief Salmon recognized and thanked the Holderness Fire Department and Highway Department and then presented Fire Chief Richard Marden and Road Agent Peter Furmanick Road "Certificates of Appreciation" for the assistance by their departments in the January incident. This assistance prevented the situation from becoming more volatile. Chief Salmon then awarded "Commendations-Unit Citations" and Commendation Bars to Sergeant Shawn Magoon, Corporal Jeremiah Patridge, Officer Carey Girourd and Officer Mark Nash (in absentia) for their distinguished service, working as a team during the January incident. Chief Salmon noted that a letter of appreciation would be presented to the Ashland Fire Department for loaning the Holderness Police Department a thermal imaging camera for use during the situation in January.

Moderator Ross Deachman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Hayes and a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year of 2001. Moderator Ross Deachman asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take up the articles one at a time as they appear in the Warrant. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

D. Arthur Bartholomew	271
Peter S. Francesco	239
Suzanne B. Peoples	237

Town Clerk for 3 Years:

Ellen King 435

Tax Collector for 3 Years:

Ellen King 432

Town Treasurer for 1 Year:

Michael O'Leary 44

Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 Years:

Maurice Lafreniere 389

Supervisor of Checklist for 6 Years:

Anthony J. Raymond 408

Library Trustee for 3 Years:

Janet Hunt-Hawkins 404

Fire Ward for 3 Years:

Harold F. Maybeck 385

Article 2: To vote by official ballot on the amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and posted with this warrant.

#1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

SHORELINE (much of this is for consistency with State wetlands regulations.)

- a. Art. IV, L, 1. CHANGE to "For water frontage less than 75' docks shall be no larger than 4X 24 feet. For water frontage over 75' there shall be a minimum of 75' of water frontage on the property for the first two-boat-slip structure, and an additional 75' of water frontage for each additional boatslip.
- b. Art. IV,L. 6. CHANGE "ten feet" to "twenty feet" and "mean" high water to "normal" high water.
- c. ADD DEFINITION "BOATSLIP means a volume of water 20 feet long 6 feet wide and 2 feet deep as measured at normal high water, and located adjacent to a structure which watercraft may be secured."
- d. Art. III,D,1,d,2 & 3,d,2. CHANGE TO "shore frontage means the distance of the actual navigable shoreline footage and a straight line drawn between property lines both of which are measured at normal high water. However, in no case shall this value be less than 25 feet."
- e. Art. III,D,4,d,&e. Change "from mean high water level" to "from the reference line"
- f. Art. IV,H,3 Change "(50) feet of any shoreline" to "(50) feet of the reference line." Add, "No structure, temporary or permanent, other than stairs to docks, shall be permitted within 35 feet of the reference line"
- g. Art. IV, O,3. CHANGE "high water line" to "reference line".
- h. Art. V,D,3.CHANGE "high water line" to "reference line".

i. Art. XII, ADD DEFINITIONS

1. Normal High Water for the Squam Lakes is the full lake elevation of 562.5 feet.

2. Reference Line for the Squam Lakes the reference line is an established flowage right extending to an elevation of 563 feet and for rivers shall be the ordinary high water mark established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics.

j. Art. XII CHANGE DEFINITIONS

1. Add to Setback definition "reference line".

2. Shore frontage shall read "the width of a lot measured along its common boundary with a river, lake or pond. The width means the distance of the actual navigable shoreline footage and a straight line drawn between the property lines both of which are measured at a normal high water for lakes and ponds and ordinary high water for rivers. In no case shall this value be less than twenty five (25) feet in length."

k. Art. XII DELETE Definition of Shoreline

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES	312	NO	89
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2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows"

MORE THAN ONE DWELLING ON A LOT (Add to ART. IV)

If approved by the Planning Board a lot may have more than one dwelling on it.

- a. This approval may be granted if the applicant provides proof to the Board that the dwellings on the lot could stand alone should subdivision or cluster development take place.
- b. There must be adequate land and soils for future subdivision and the resulting septic systems, wells and roads.
- c. The board may require any of the requirements for subdivision other than the actual Mylar and subdividing of the property. This includes notification, advertising and a Public Hearing.
- d. The Board may impose such conditions that it feels necessary to maintain the spirit of the ordinance

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES	310	NO	109
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3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

DEFINITION OF SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT (Add to Art. XII)

Substantial Improvement shall mean any change to structures that will increase the

value of those structures. The following are exempt from this provision and shall not require a permit;

Repair in kind of existing portions of the structure,

Any painting of structure

Roof repair or replacement as long as all dimensions remain original.

(This is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES	331	NO	86
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#4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

DEFINITION OF EXPANSION (Add to Art. XII)

a. Expansion shall mean

1. For structures any increase in height, width, length, cubic footage, above or below ground. This includes, but is not limited to, porches, decks, roof overhangs, patios, and basements/cellars.

2. Expansion of uses shall be any increase in the impact that the use may cause to the inhabitants of the Town or the Town itself not limited to but including traffic (both human and vehicle), waste disposal (both solid and septege), water withdrawal, and municipal services. The Planning Board shall be the determiner of whether there is or is not an increase in the impact of the use.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES	320	NO	93
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#5. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

RELATIVE TO EXPANSION

a. Art. VI, B, 1, c. REPLACE "living space" with "cubic footage"

b. Art. VI, A. ADD "3. Nonconforming uses may not be expanded."

c. Art. VI, B. ADD "d. No expansion of any kind shall occur in any setback."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES	307	NO	101
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#6. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

MOORING FIELDS (Art. IV)

Due to State of NH laws RSA 270:59 we must alter our regulations.

a. remove front footage requirement

b. O,4ADD - Toilet facilities must be placed at a location approved by the Planning Board. REMOVE - ..within 100 yards of high water line.

c. ADD Copy of State permit must be provided to Town.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES	352	NO	59
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#7. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

ISSUING PERMITS (Art. IX)

- a. Art. IX, B, 2. CHANGE "Any person, persons, partnership, trust, or corporation intending to..." To "Any property owner, or authorized agent, intending to..."
- b. Art. IX, A, CHANGE "...issuance of building or structure permits..." to "...issuance of any permits..."

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES

346

NO

61

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Peg Winton. Moderator recognized Gordon Loud who asked if it included the audit. Steve Huss responded by saying that it does include the audit. Mr. Loud responded that the Auditors report does not give an opinion on the state of the books. Paul Weston (Town Administrator) stated that this is the traditional letter submitted into the Annual Report and, the full audit report will be available in May. A voice vote was taken on the article and the article PASSED

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue per RSA 231:43 Old Mountain Road.

A motion to table the article was made by Earl Hansen seconded by Steve Huss. Moderator recognized Earl Hansen, Chairman of the Planning Board, who stated that this road is frequently used as a recreational path and a study should be done on the impact on such use if the status of the road is changed to discontinued or closed subject to gates and bars. Moderator recognized Eleanor Raskin, a property owner on Old Mountain Road, who spoke in favor of tabling the article. Eleanor Raskin wanted to understand the concerns that the Town has in maintaining the road and hoped to work cooperatively with the Town in resolving the issues before any action was taken. The Moderator clarified that the rights of the Town revert to the property owner if the road is in full discontinuance. A voice vote was taken and the motion to TABLE carried.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue per RSA 231:43 Vontel Road.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded Lyle Thompson. A motion to table the article was made by Ted Vansant and seconded by Evelyn Stillings. A voice vote was taken and the motion to table was DEFEATED. Discussion followed on the location of the road and why the Town wants to discontinue Vontel Road. Steve Huss explained that Vontel Road, located off East Holderness Road, serves one dwelling and is difficult for the Town to maintain. Ted Vansant asked what damages might be due if the road is discontinued. Steve Huss responded that Town Counsel advised him that the potential liability to the Town for damages is the loss of value in the property if the property should decrease in value. The Town Counsel's position as well

as the Board of Selectmen is that there would be no loss of value in the property. Peter Francesco stated that these property owners should be compensated if their road is discontinued due to the costs to maintain these roads and possible loss in value in their property. Earl Hansen stated the damages for loss of value would be addressed when the Town goes through reassessment. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue per RSA 231:43 Evans Road.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Fran Taylor. Moderator recognized Helka Gordon who read a letter written by her husband, John Gordon. In his letter, he requested that the Town reconsider discontinuing Evans Rd. The letter further stated that if the Town does discontinue the road he requests that public access be discontinued, the town would continue plowing and sanding until May 2002, and that this will decrease his property value. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with Corcoran Consulting Associates, Inc. of Wolfeboro, NH, for the reappraisal of all properties within the Town of Holderness, said project to cost a total of one hundred and forty five thousand dollars (\$145,000.00) and to further raise and appropriate eighty two thousand five hundred dollars (\$82,500.00) with forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) coming from taxation and the balance, forty two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$42,500.00) appropriated from the Town Revaluation Reserve Fund. The \$82,500.00 represents this years cost of the reappraisal contract.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Fran Taylor. Martha Richards inquired if this was the best bid and most qualified company. Steve Huss answered in the affirmative. David Martin asked when the Town had its last revaluation and how often it is done. Steve Huss replied that the last revaluation was done in 1990 and the Town is moving toward revaluating every 5 years. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote per RSA 669:17-b to authorize the position of Tax Collector to be appointed rather than elected, effective at the 2003 Town Meeting.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Fran Taylor. Mike Hayes asked for the reason for this article. Steve Huss responded that this position requires a person with technical ability. A question was asked as to when this appointment position would be in effect. Amanda Loud motioned to table the article. Seconded by Mike Hayes. A voice vote was taken and the motion to table carried. Jon Bourne made a motion to restrict reconsideration. Seconded by Midge Currier. A voice vote was taken and the motion to restrict reconsideration carried.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recreation Path Reserve Fund, and transfer said funds to the General Fund. (Note: balance on hand on 12/31/01 was \$44,996.79).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by Fran Taylor. Amanda Loud questioned if any

of the funds were privately given as gifts. Steven Huss replied that these funds were raised through taxation. There is a separate \$ 20,000.00 maintenance fund that was given through private donations. Larry Gooch asked the reason for this article. Steve Huss explained that the grant applications for the Recreation Path have lapsed, that last year the Town voted down the second phase of the recreation path, and that there is no active pursuit in the continuance of the Recreation path at this time. Discussion in opposition of the article followed. A voice was taken on the article; the Moderator requested a division of the house. A standing vote was taken on the article. There were 82 votes in favor and 84 votes opposed, and the article FAILED.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Police Cruiser Reserve Fund, and transfer said funds to General Fund (Note: balance on hand on 12/31/01 was \$10,027.87).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Peg Winton seconded by Sue Francesco. Alden VanSickle asked the reason for the article. Steve Huss explained that the town is leasing Police cruisers and a capital reserve fund is no longer needed. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Tax Map Update Reserve Fund, and transfer said funds to General Fund (Note: balance on hand on 12/31/01 was \$5,525.58).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Sue Francesco and seconded by Peg Winton. George DeAngelis asked if the tax maps have been updated. Steve Huss stated they had been updated and were available in the Town Hall. Earle Jenkins asked if there is a process to keep the digitized maps current. Steve Huss replied this is an annual program and is included in the budget. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a purchase and sale agreement to buy a parcel of land for a transfer station and recycling facility, and raise and appropriate up to \$10,000. for this acquisition to be used as a non-refundable deposit, with the requirement that the purchase will be brought before a future special or annual town meeting for final voter approval.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Larry Gooch and seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. No discussion followed. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote per RSA 149-M: 13II to authorize the Selectmen to establish bylaws for governing the operation of the transfer station and recycling facility and fixing reasonable rates for its use.

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. Steve Huss made the motion to amend the article by striking: 13II by inserting therefore to read RSA 149-M:17. Seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. A voice vote was taken and the amendment passed. David Martin asked who governs the operation of transfer station. Steve Huss replied that the Selectmen govern the operation of the transfer station. A voice vote was taken and the article as amended PASSED.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Fire Chief/Compliance Officer at a base salary of \$30,000.00 per year and to raise and appropriate \$23,654.00 to fund said position for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen seconded by David Dupuis. Richard Mardin explained the benefits to the Town of having a combined position of Fire Chief /Compliance Officer. Amanda Loud asked if this was a benefited position. Steve Huss stated it was. William Webb spoke against this article. Mr. Webb made a motion to table the article and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. Discussion on tabling the article followed. Mr. Webb withdrew his motion to table the article. Richard Currier spoke in favor of this article. Peg Winton asked for clarification on the \$ 30,000.00 and if that figure included benefits. Steve Huss replied the \$ 30,000.00 reflects the salary only. Harry Decker asked what the allocation of time for each job would be. Steve Huss replied it should be split 50/50. Steve Huss explained that the new position would be a \$ 20,000.00 increase over the present combined salary of Fire Chief and Compliance Officer. Eric Nielsen spoke in favor of the article. Earl Hansen moved to terminate debate on the article. Seconded by James Hogan. A voice vote was taken and the motion to terminate debate carried. Malcolm “Tink” Taylor made a motion requesting a ballot vote on the article. A voice vote was taken and the motion for ballot vote was defeated. A voice vote was taken on the main article and the article PASSED. Harold Maybeck made a motion to restrict reconsideration. Seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and the motion to restrict carried.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$235,500.00 to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Public Works Vehicles	\$30,000.
Fire Trucks	30,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Town Hall	6,500.
Library	5,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Village Sidewalks	5,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Master Plan	6,000.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. A question was asked on the use of funds appropriated for a Master Plan. Earl Hansen explained that the master plan is done every 10 years and the last one was done in 1991. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$191,300. for the following capital projects and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Town Office	\$16,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.

Library	12,000.
Fire Equipment	13,300.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. Rollin Reynolds requested an explanation on why the \$ 150,000.00 appeared on article 15 as well as on Article 16. The Moderator explained that Article 15 appropriates the funds and Article 16 authorizes the Selectmen to withdraw the funds. Martha Richards asked how the \$12,000.00 designated under the Library Fund would be used. Larry Webster explained that these funds would be used for capital improvements. A voice vote was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, five hundred thirty-four thousand, six hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,534,688.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Kathy Huss. Peter Francesco questioned whether the funds transferred into general fund in Article 10 would reduce the dollar figure in Article 17. The Moderator explained that this would affect the tax rate, not the dollar figure in this article. A voice was taken and the article PASSED.

Article 18: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Steve Huss wished the Moderator a Happy Birthday and Sue Francesco presented him with a cake. Steve Huss presented Priscilla Bartholomew a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her many years of service as Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector. Huss recognized Susan Webster for her dedicated service the past 17 years on numerous Town Boards including the Zoning Board, the Planning Board, and the Board of Selectmen and presented to her a granite clock as a token of the Town's appreciation.

Larry Gooch stated that at this meeting, a new position had been created and the position should be advertised with a job description and job qualifications.

Earl Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Hayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Town Clerk, Holderness

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2002

The Planning Board has had a rather quiet year with minimal activity in both Subdivisions and Site Plan Review. We met the third Thursday of every month for our regular scheduled meetings as well as several other times for “work sessions”. Several of the Board members attended some training sessions put on by the Office of State Planning. These are very informative and help the Board members keep up with new laws and results of court cases.

In March of 2001 the Town authorized the Selectmen to expend up to \$20,000 “for the purpose of surveying and the conceptual designing of sidewalks within Holderness Village”. A subcommittee of the Planning Board was established to carry out this activity. The Village Sidewalk Committee began working with SEA Consultants on the feasibility of constructing a sidewalk between the bridge and Golden Pond Country Store. Having had public information gathering meetings in July and August 2001, SEA prepared a conceptual design for review by the NHDOT. The design was submitted in November of 2001 and we received a response in October of 2002! The response was not consistent with our design intent or our previous site walks and discussions with the State regarding a variety of site specific design related issues. The committee responded with a letter to the Office of State Planning. Our questions are focused on clarifying the State’s mission regarding the integration of highway improvements within a village style built environment.

The committee’s recommended action is to continue discussions with the State until an appropriate design can be reviewed at public informational meetings, prior to taking any action, engaging in any agreements or expending any funds. If we can appropriate responses from the State it is the committee’s intention that this public informational meeting be held in June 2003 with subsequent review prior to a vote at the March 2004 Town Meeting.

The Board plans to start an update of the Town Master Plan this year. We hope that many of you will be willing to serve on some temporary committees that will be set up to work on this project. The Master Plan being the foundation on which all Town planning should be done and the basis for the Zoning Ordinance it is a very important document. At the same time, and in conjunction with the Master Plan update, we will be updating the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Town. This is a budgeting/planning tool for the Town which in consultation with the various Town departments and school will helpfully allow us to foresee future capital expenditures and plan appropriately for them. In some cases these plans may involve setting aside capital reserve funds for the future or recognizing that the monies may have to be borrowed. Please let the Town Office know if you are interested and would be willing to work on either of these projects.

There are several suggested changes to the Zoning Ordinance on this year’s ballot. We hope that you will support the Planning Board’s recommendations and vote “yes” to

make these changes. If you have any questions please call any of the members of the Board (the names are listed in the front of this annual report).

Respectfully submitted,
Earl F. Hansen, Chairman
Holdeness Planning Board

ANNUAL REPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



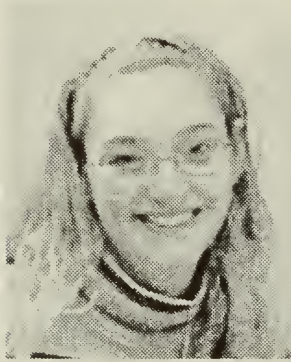
*Officer Carey Girouard, Officer Mark Nash, Corporal Jeremiah Patridge,
Sergeant Shawn Magoon, Chief Merritt (Doug) Salmon*

The year 2002 was again a very active year for the Holderness Police Department. Our year began with two very high risk incidents which required the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police SWAT Team. Prior to their arrival all of our officers were on the scene, along with over twenty officers from neighboring towns. A routine call for removal of an unwanted subject turned into a barricaded subject that lasted through the night and into the next day. Four days later we were at the same location with the same subject, however this time the subject was armed, took a hostage, and barricaded himself inside the home. Neighboring officers, the NH State Police SWAT team, and all Holderness personnel were at the scene over many hours. The incident ended with injury to the hostage and the subject taking his own life.

In evaluating these incidents, it became apparent to us we may have similar serious situations in the future – we have had two other domestic calls this year which clearly had the potential to escalate into violence. Several local Police Chiefs began a discussion on the possibility of creating a regional “Special Operations Unit” or SOU, made up of local police officers which would be professionally trained to respond. We have now created the Special Response Team with 17 municipalities as members, and 23 officers beginning training as of January 2, 2003. Our unit is not the first in the State, and we appreciated the input from the Southern NH unit and the Seacoast team. We have garnered several grants and registered with the Secretary of State office as a non-profit association in order to accept private donations. We seek as a primary objective to purchase \$38,000. worth of tactical body armor for the team members – we are pleased with initial responses from area banks and businesses.

Concerning our Police vehicles, Unit One, a 2000 Crown Victoria has 95,000 miles; Unit Two, another Crown Victoria has 101,000 miles; and Unit Three has 112,000. Our Ford Explorer has reached the end of its useful life, and will not pass inspection

this March due to body and frame rust and deterioration. This four wheel drive unit is used primarily during inclement winter weather, as a back up cruiser when needed, and is also used on the range for firearms training and for traffic control at special events such as graduations and special details. We seek to replace the Explorer with a new four wheel drive vehicle.



*Stephanie A. MacKay,
Administrative
Secretary*

We are pleased to have hired Stephanie MacKay as our new Administrative Secretary in October – she will work from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Police Station Tuesday thru Friday. She has previous law enforcement experience, and continues to work each Monday at the Lincoln Police Department.

Our Department has upgraded our operations with the purchase of police software from Information Management Corporation, which allows us to easily input all of our necessary reporting and track our incident statistics. We hope to purchase the imaging software which will enable the merging of digital photographs into case reports, and inserting booking photos into arrest records. This will be a great asset to the Department as the photographs will become a permanent record in digital and hard copy format.

In closing I extend to all members of the Police Department my sincere appreciation for their dedication to their jobs. They truly are a credit to the law enforcement profession, and I feel very fortunate to work with them. My job would be overwhelming without their support and their professionalism.

I also would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and guidance, which is greatly appreciated. Also, a special thanks is extended to members of the other Town departments. In small communities such as Holderness it is vital that there is a good working relationship between all municipal personnel. And finally, I express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Holderness for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Merritt D. Salmon
Chief of Police

POLICE ACTIVITY FOR 2002

Criminal Restraint	1	Driving after susp./ revo.	4
Sexual Assault-Forcible	1	Conduct after accident	4
Felonious Sexual Assault	1	Police requested acc report	3
Criminal Threatening	8	Reckless Operation	1
Simple Assault	9	Assist Law Enforcement	120
Harassment	8	Gas drive off	26
Attempted Burglary	1	Paper service	29
Burglary	10	Alarm-business	16
Theft; from a building	4	Alarm-residence	63
Theft; from a vehicle	2	Aircraft prohibitions	3
Theft; from all other	25	VIN verifications	21
Theft of a motor vehicle	1	Emergency messages	3
Counterfeit money	1	Motor vehicle lockout	7
Theft by deception	1	Dog Control Law	29
Fraud on creditors	1	Dog a menace, nuisance	8
Fraudulent use credit card	1	911 hang-up	38
Criminal Mischief	30	Suspicious person	13
Possession of drugs MV	1	Suspicious vehicle	10
Possession of drugs/narco.	4	Suspicious incident	27
Issuing Bad Checks	8	Motor vehicle complaint	35
Loitering	1	Citizen assistance	68
Disorderly Conduct	1	Protective custody	3
Driving While Intoxicated	5	Shots fired	3
Aggravated. DWI	1	Fingerprints job application	14
Child Abuse-non violent	2	Disorderly actions	2
Minor in possession of alcohol	2	Misuse of power	1
Transporting alcohol by minor	3	Noise	23
Criminal Trespass	5	Open container	2
Juvenile cases	8	Miscellaneous	82
Littering	1	Resisting Arrest	1
Bench Warrant	1	Default Bail Conditions	1
Obstructing report of a crime	1	Deaths	2
Attempted Suicide	2	Missing person	4
Animal involved incidents	48	Motorist assists	64
Assist Fire Dept.	49	Domestic Disturbance	17
Welfare Check	14	Civil Standby	9
Open/Unsecured Door	33	Assist Ambulance	37
Habitual Offender	2	Abandoning a vehicle	11
Suspended Registration	1	Driving without giving proof	2

POLICE ACTIVITY POLICE DISPATCH CENTER

The following information has been compiled by the Plymouth Dispatch Center at the Plymouth Police Department. During the year of 2002 the Holderness Police received 4,446 calls for service through the dispatch center. This center handles calls for seven (7) agencies. The total number of calls for service was 48,140. Below is a breakdown by agency. They logged 286,756 radio transmissions and received 92,550 telephone calls.

Town	# of Calls	Percentage of use
Ashland	5,648	11.9%
Bristol	4,789	10.1%
Campton	5,591	11.8%
Holderness	4,446	9.4%
Plymouth	16,247	34.2%
Rumney	2,509	5.3%
Plymouth State College	8,320	17.5%

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2003 REPORT



DPW Staff Left to Right: Stuart Sherburne, Peter Furmanick (Director), Robert Potter (Foreman), Dennis Hughes.

The Holderness Public Works Department had another busy and productive year.

Our primary summer road projects this year involved improvements to North Ashland Road, Sargent Road, Lincoln Road, and Prospect Ridge Road, which were all paved with hot bituminous asphalt. The first three roads were paved several years ago with old farmers mix and had cracked and worn badly. Some drainage work was done prior to paving. We also completed work on a catch basin and culvert subsurface drainage system to the top of the hill on Prospect Ridge Road, and then paved the former dirt road its entire length. Some may recall the severe washout we experienced on this road two years ago. I am confident the drainage system and the new pavement will be a good investment and a vast improvement over the erosion problems we experienced in the past. We appreciate the continued support for appropriations (\$150,000. annually for many years now) for road improvements from the Selectmen, Budget Committee, and you the voters. I believe we now have a town road network that compares favorably with any small town in the State.

Our upcoming project for 2003 will focus on a total rebuild of the Holderness Central School Road. We have already completed wetlands delineation at Carr Brook and a site plan prior to applying for a wetlands permit to install a new box culvert.

Our crew of four was kept busy with many improvement projects, such as assistance in installing the new Town Hall sign, clean-up at the Town beach, and significant revisions to the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility (see the separate report on this).

During 2002 there was no large purchase of any new trucks or equipment. We decided we could keep the 1992 Ford 5- 7 yard dump truck a year longer (it was scheduled for replacement after ten years of use) and hope to replace this unit in 2003. We did purchase a new mig welder, which greatly enhanced our ability to do in house maintenance work on equipment at the Highway Garage.

As you may remember, snowfall last winter was less than normal, however we have been very busy this winter. Our first snow was in November and we have had very cold weather mixed in between rain and sleet storms. We were out both Christmas and New Years plowing, sanding, and salting to keep our roads safe for your winter travel.

On the personnel side of things, Greg Bavis resigned in October, and we were fortunate to hire Dennis Hughes to replace him. Dennis, who formerly worked with the State Highway, is an experienced truck driver and equipment operator who immediately added a lot to our crew. Robert Potter was promoted to Foreman in November – we appreciate his leadership and assistance in managing the Department.

I want to thank the staff at the Town Office, fellow Department Heads, the Selectmen, and the citizens of Holderness for their support and encouragement this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick, Highway Agent
Town of Holderness

HOLDERNESS RECREATION REPORT 2002

Holderness Recreation continues to offer a wide range of activities and programs for residents of all ages. Popular offerings include Summer Day Camp, Volleyball, Yoga Fit, and Indoor Walking. The staff of Holderness Recreation includes a director (a year-round part time position), and seasonal staff for the day camp and beach.

Besides facilitating and administering programs, Holderness Recreation also administers the Town Beach. At this time the Recreation Department has no other physical facilities to maintain. In addition to the Town Beach, the Department utilizes space in the Town Hall, the Fire/Police Station, the Holderness Central School, and the new tennis courts. Facilities not owned by the Town, but made available to the Recreation Department include: The Holderness School Ice Rink, The Pemi Fish & Game Club indoor archery range, Squam Lake Association (SLA) canoes and campsites, and the indoor track at Plymouth State College field house.



*Recreation Director
Kay Hanson*

The Holderness Recreation Department can be contacted at 968-3700 or on line at holdrec@worldpath.net. Program Flyers are mailed quarterly to all Holderness Residents. Program changes and announcements are made in The Record Enterprise "Talk of the Town", and flyers distributed through out the Town.

Holderness Recreation maintains a separate account in which we accept monetary donations for program scholarships, equipment and special programming. This year contributions included generous donations from the Holderness Central School Support Staff, Camp Deerwood, the Holderness Road Rally, the Charitable Gift Fund, and the Firemen's Benevolent Fund. Thank you!

It takes participants, generous sponsors, volunteers and contributions from local businesses to make Holderness Recreation Programs successful. A special thank you is extended to Camp Deerwood for providing CPR training to all of the Day Camp Staff and to the Beach Attendants. We look forward to your participation in our year 2003 programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Kay Hanson (Director)
Janet Cocchiaro
Martin Kass
Peter Durnan
Robin Peck
Gail Smith

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — MS-61

DECEMBER 31, 2002

DEBITS	2002	2001
Uncollected Taxes-December 31, 2001		
Property Taxes:	\$	293,599.97
Sewer Rents:	\$	935.00
Yield Taxes: x	\$	1,606.32
Betterment Assessment:	\$	1,440.94
Land Use Change Tax:	\$	5,000.00
Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 6,670,704.00	
Sewer Taxes:	\$ 2,376.60	
Yield Taxes:	\$ 14,110.90	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 17,501.00	
Land Use Change Tax:	\$ 9,440.00	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 5,078.00	
Sewer Taxes:		\$ 2,830.50
Prepayment: 2002 Fall Sewer	\$ 4.97	
Prepayment: 2003	\$ 6,640.00	
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 8,966.26	\$ 30.49
Interest on Delinquent Taxes:		
Property Tax:	\$ 2,985.28	\$ 15,107.58
Yield Tax:	\$ 24.90	
Sewer Tax:	\$ 1.79	\$ 79.24
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 25.21	\$ 102.18
Land Use Change:	\$ 372.33	
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	\$ 6,737,858.91	\$ 321,104.55
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*Ellen King (right) -
Tax Collector/Town Clerk
Alicia Abbott (left) -
Deputy Tax Collector/
Deputy Town Clerk*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — MS-61

DECEMBER 31, 2002

CREDITS

	2002	2001
Property Taxes:	\$ 6,375,309.59	\$ 187,049.56
Sewer:	\$ 1,700.30	\$ 3,358.75
Yield Taxes:	\$ 9,603.87	\$ 1,606.32
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 15,364.35	\$ 1,440.94
Land Use Change Tax:	\$ 9,440.00	
Prepayment Fall Sewer:	\$ 4.97	
Prepayment: 2003		\$ 6,640.00
Interest/Penalties:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 2,985.28	\$ 15,107.58
Yield:	\$ 24.90	\$ -
Sewer:	\$ 1.79	\$ 79.24
Betterment:	\$ 25.21	\$ 102.18
Land Use Change:		\$ 372.33
Overpayments:	\$ 8,966.26	\$ 30.49
Converted to Tax Lien:		\$ 110,984.93
Tax Deed:	\$ 259.00	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 15,685.00	\$ 972.23
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 2002		
Property Taxes:	\$ 284,528.41	
Sewer Rents:	\$ 676.30	
Yield Taxes:	\$ 4,507.03	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 2,136.65	
Current Use Penalty:		
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	\$ 6,737,858.91	\$ 321,104.55
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-MS 61

DECEMBER 31, 2002

DEBITS	2001	2000	1999	1998
Unredeemed Taxes: December 31, 2001		\$ 69,733.13	\$ 535.94 \$ 44,639.45	\$ 276.21
Tax Lien of:	\$120,460.01			
Interest collected after Lien:	\$ 2,456.24	\$ 11,857.38	\$ 16,546.19	\$ 174.22
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	\$122,916.25	\$ 81,590.51	\$ 61,721.58	\$ 450.43
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CREDITS				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Redemptions:	\$ 50,310.34	\$ 50,137.77	\$ 44,639.45	\$ 276.21
Interest after Lien:	\$ 2,456.24	\$ 11,857.38	\$ 16,546.19	\$ 174.22
Deeded to Town:	\$ 590.67	\$ 538.28	\$ 535.94	
Unredeemed Taxes: December 31, 2002	\$ 69,559.00	\$ 19,057.08	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$122,916.25	\$ 81,590.51	\$ 61,721.58	\$ 450.43
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TAX RATE CALCULATION 2002

TOWN PORTION	
APPROPRIATIONS	2,077,642
LESS: REVENUES	1,123,415
SHARED REVENUES	4,919
ADD: OVERLAY	15,944
WAR SVC CREDITS	16,600
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	<u>981,852</u>
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	<u>3.57</u>
SCHOOL PORTION	
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	2,835,265
REGNL SCHOOL APPRTMNT	1,941,511
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	
STATE EDUC TAXES	(1,467,362)
APPRVD SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	<u>3,309,414</u>
LOCAL EDUC TAX RATE	<u>12.02</u>
STATE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	<u>1,864,447</u>
STATE TAX RATE	<u>6.86</u>
EXCESS REMIT TO STATE	397,085
COUNTY PORTION	
DUE TO COUNTY	523,245
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	2,761
APPRVD COUNTY TAX EFFORT	<u>520,484</u>
COUNTY TAX RATE	<u>1.89</u>
COMBINED TAX RATE	<u>24.33</u>
TOTAL PROP TAX ASSESSED	6,676,197
LESS: WAR SVCS CREDITS	16,600
TOTAL PROP TAX COMMITTMNT	<u>6,659,597</u>
PROOF OF RATE	
STATE EDUC VALUATION	271,841,173
OTHER VALUATION	275,417,973
STATE TAX RATE	6.86
ALL OTHER TAX RATE	<u>17.47</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	24.33
STATE ASSESSMENT	1,864,447
ALL OTHER ASSESSMENT	<u>4,811,750</u>
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	6,676,197
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	700,113
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	
FUND BALANCE USED	230,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
REMITTED TO THE TREASURER, 2002**

Motor Vehicle	\$342,636.00
Dog Licenses.....	2651.50
Marriage Licenses.....	1065.00
Vital Fees	418.00
Filing Fees.....	33.50
Transfer Station Fees	19,025.50
Beach Permits	2,528.00
Wetlands.....	156.00
UCC'S.....	930.71
Miscellaneous	47.50
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Total	\$ 369,491.71

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE 2002

The Board of Selectmen called the Town Hall Committee into existence in 1999. It is tasked with planning the work necessary to preserve, protect, modify, maintain, and upgrade the Town Hall and other structures on the Town Hall grounds. In the fall of 2001, during the budget preparation process, the selectmen instructed the Town Hall Committee to develop a comprehensive plan and cost estimate that would include all of the various internal and external improvements, paving of the parking area and drive, and completion of an integrated landscaping plan. The idea was to get past the point of continually administering and managing small projects and contracts, and to come some level of completion, at least for the present committee.

The budget for 2002 included funds originally intended to permit doing some preparation for paving, up to and perhaps including the base course in certain areas. However, most of you will recall that in our last annual report, we noted that certain problems had been uncovered with the roof trusses in the Town Hall. This became the project for the year, one that has been well documented in the press, and one that proved to be very interesting for the Town Hall Committee. As anyone who has visited the Town Hall in the last several months is aware, we uncovered additional problems as some of the existing work was removed. In short, some time ago, the first interior truss, the one directly over the wall that separates the assembly hall from the entry and the “new” Grange kitchen, was cut to permit a stair from the second level (over the entry portion of the main floor) to pass through the truss to the old kitchen (in later years, the Police evidence storage room). In order to support the load that the truss could no longer carry, the wall underneath was strengthened, so that the load was transferred to the main floor beam under that wall. When the building was raised and the town offices created under the assembly hall, the situation was not fully understood by the builder, and the wall under that beam is not as strong as it should be to carry the load imposed on it.

The hall side “skin” of the lower hall was removed to allow us to see what was done – we suspected that it was not adequate, based on what we could see above the suspended ceiling, but could not tell for sure what was in the wall. We have placed temporary jacks under the main floor beam to provide some “insurance”. We also tied the bottom chord of the truss back together and strengthened the truss. Eventually, the jacks will need to be replaced by structural reinforcing incorporated in the wall, and a proper footing installed the wall/and or the reinforcing members. We have so far left the wall open, anticipating that this work would be done in conjunction with the other work we hope to be approved at Town Meeting.

During the repair work, we continued the process of developing a comprehensive plan for completing the work of upgrading and maintaining the Town Hall Building and grounds. We carried this work forward to the point of being able to present a budget to the Board of Selectmen for consideration at the March 2003 Town Meeting. The Town Hall Committee, working in conference in December of 2002, concluded that the questions, costs, and urgency associated with the closure and capping of the present transfer station site, and the determination of where and how much to spend to effect a

new transfer station, were enough for the town to deal with in 2003. We will continue to upgrade our project description and cost estimate, and be prepared to come to the Town with a presentation of the comprehensive project in March of 2004.

The project, as we now envision it, includes restoration and repair work to the exterior of the building, followed by painting; finishing the exterior of the "Carriage Shed" (painting of roof and exterior walls); relocating and upgrading the electrical entrance and distribution panels and upgrading some of the interior wiring; reworking the main entryway to improve safety and appearance; adding a two-stop lift in the entryway, reworking the stair arrangement to accommodate the lift, adding proper handrails in the stairwell, re-working and consolidating the mechanical equipment into a small mechanical room; adding emergency egress provision to the basement office area; improving and upgrading the handicapped access ramp to the main floor; paving the parking area and drive; adding walkways and landscaping, and quite probably, upgrading the telephone and computer network wiring.

The year saw the completion of modifications to the old highway department maintenance shed, now called the "Carriage Shed"; the completion of the new lower entry, and the installation of the new Town Hall Sign. The committee selected the design of the sign and its location, the sign and supports were the generous gift of Paul Montour.

We did not make very much progress this year on formulating guidelines and rules for the use of the building. We did learn, as the result of the structural analysis done of the building in connection with the roof truss repair project, that our floor is not up to the rigors of rhythmic physical exercise or group dancing.

Our plans for this year include painting and minor repair work to the exterior of the Town Hall. If sufficient funds remain when all the costs for this work are in hand, we will carryout work preparing the drive and parking areas for paving.

We are very pleased with the work our contractor, Lefebvre Construction of Franklin, who carried out the repairs to the roof trusses, strengthened the second floor for use as a storage room, and constructed a code-compliant fire resistant room around the gas furnace on the second floor. Kimball Chase of Portsmouth, the structural engineering firm that handled the analysis and developed the design for the repair of the trusses, were also a pleasure to work with. We were again aided in our planning work by Ward D'Elia and the staff of Samyn-D'Elia, Architects.

THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE:

Larry Gooch

Paul Montour

Steve Szabidics

Skip Van Sickle

Peg Winton

Peter Furmanik (Public Works Department)

Barbara Currier (Selectman Liaison)

Paul Weston (Town Administrator)

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 FORD	
1985 MACK FIRE TRUCK	12T5
1988 FORD RESCUE	12R1
1990 MACK FIRE TRUCK	12E3
1993 FORD FOREST FIRE TRUCK	12F3
1997 MACK FIRE TRUCK	12E4
WHALER BOAT	12B1

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1992 FORD DUMP TRUCK.....	TRUCK 2
1994 GALION GRADER	
1998 FORD DUMP TRUCK.....	TRUCK 1
1997 CATERPILLAR BACKHOE	
1999 FORD "ONE TON" TRUCK.....	TRUCK 3
1993 FORD PICKUP TRUCK	
1988 YORK RAKE	
1988 ROAD BROOM	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

TAX MAP/ LOT	DESCRIPTION LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
229/25	Holderness Central School	\$139,600.	\$3,180,450.	\$3,320,450.
228/79	HCS Storage Building	32,200	76,100	108,300
225/16	Pemi River Park Lot	49,500.		49,500.
231/3	Route 113	1,500.		1,500.
239/1	Town Hall	42,000.	243,000.	285,000.
222/15	Town Forest Lot	72,300.		72,300.
222/15	Public Works Garage	25,000.	250,000.	275,000.
101/19	Library	90,800.	183,400.	274,200.
223/11	Pilote Conservation Land	67,800.		67,800.
245/65	Transfer Station	22,500.	4,300.	26,800.
224/1	Smith Road Lot	38,500.		38,500.
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam	32,100.		32,100.
101/8	Fire/Police Station	112,000.	650,000.	762,000.
239/42	Corner Lot - Routes 3 & 175	20,000.		20,000.

NEW TRANSFER STATION DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee was appointed this year to develop a conceptual design for a relocated municipal solid waste (MSW) transfer station. The existing transfer station will have to be moved during 2003 when the old landfill, on which the current transfer station sits, is capped and officially closed.

The appointees were Chris Devine, Peter Furmanick, Ann Packard, Sue Peoples, Robert Snelling, and Paul Weston, with Peter Francesco as the Selectman's representative. The committee elected Robert Snelling as chairman.

The committee met five times during September through December, conducted field trips to four operating transfer stations in the surrounding area, and met with a number of state and waste management officials. Accomplishments included:

- A review of State requirements and guidance,
- A review of Holderness waste disposal data,
- The completion of a waste processing, storage, marketing and disposal options assessment,
- Site visits to four operating transfer stations,
- The development of a set of design criteria,
- The development of a conceptual site design,
- The development of a conceptual recycling building design.

The proposed design allows for a safe circular traffic flow with minimum crossovers and support of all current services; i.e. MSW compaction, separation of recyclable materials, and collection of construction and demolition debris, scrap metal, tires and brush and clean wood. The design includes a covered recycling building, a second compactor, and allows for future expansion of operations to accommodate increased waste volume and possible recyclable material processing and storage.

The conceptual design will be provided to an engineering firm in early 2003 for development of a preliminary engineering design and cost estimate. The final engineering design cannot be completed until a final site selection is made.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Snelling, Chairman
Peter Francesco (Selectman's Rep.)
Chris Devine
Peter Furmanick
Ann Packard
Sue Peoples
Paul Weston

TRANSFER STATION SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

The town has been issued an order from the state to close the former landfill located beneath our present transfer station on Tada Dump Road. The order specifies that the closure must be performed in 2003 and that the former landfill must be graded and capped with material to prevent infiltration of precipitation to the buried solid waste. Engineering evaluations have determined that the closure will cost approximately \$300,000 and when completed there will remain less than 1/10th of an acre of usable land. The option of excavating the waste and disposing of it offsite as an alternative to capping was evaluated and the cost is estimated at \$3,500,000.

This committee was formulated to find an alternate location for the transfer station at an estimated cost of \$300,000 for land acquisition and site development. A transfer station is a collection point for solid waste and recyclable materials that are sent off-site. The committee prepared criteria to use in site evaluation including accessibility, location, topography, buffering and size. The committee met every two weeks since late April 2002 and evaluated 15 potential sites gathering information and performing site inspections. We have also met with the NH Department of Transportation to review traffic safety at the short listed sites.

In August 2002, the committee presented a final report to the selectmen with a recommendation for the town to pursue purchase of the Wilson Earl parcel on East Holderness Road. The Selectmen have entered into a purchase and sale agreement for this parcel subject to the completion of an environmental site assessment and approval at town meeting in March 2003. The site assessment has been performed and the results indicate no significant environmental issues. It is important to note that much evaluation was given to locating the transfer station at the existing Town Garage property on Beede Road. Using this site would prevent the town from having to purchase land however an evaluation of the surrounding roads indicated that upgrade and maintenance costs would far outweigh any potential cost savings.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Devine, Chairman
Suzanne Peoples
Anne Packard
Skip Van Sickle
Bob Snelling
Peter Francesco, Selectmen's Liaison

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING FACILITY

During 2002 the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility has undergone many changes which we hope will benefit all of the users of the facility.

In April the Selectmen asked that I become manager of the facility. At first I worked closely with Doug Sirois, however Doug went off to National Guard duty, became injured during this service, and ultimately resigned from employment with us. I wish him well.

Ernest Brown assumed the duties as our Attendant, assisted when needed by Gary Moulton and Scott Davis. All of us were trained and became certified by the NH Department of Environmental Protection to operate the facility. We have a great team whose objectives are to cut costs, make money for the Town when possible, and insure the incoming materials are generated from Holderness. Our management policies are developed by the Selectmen, as authorized at Town Meeting. We reviewed our fee schedule to determine that it was consistent with surrounding towns, thus assuring ourselves that regional collection was not occurring at our operation due to a cheaper price. We also now charge appropriately for construction debris, an item which is very costly to dispose of, by having those users with large amounts pay accordingly. We also determined those folks disposing of large appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and de-humidifiers should help pay for the removal of Freon, and users should pay appropriately for all incoming stoves, washers, dryers, and such.



*Transfer Station
Attendant
Ernest Brown*

This past year we removed over 7000 tires that had accumulated over the years – a very costly operation for the Town. Again, we are now charging you to dispose of tires to help defray this cost, and the same can also be said for propane tanks.

Enforcement of our transfer station sticker policies saves all of us money, and proper separation of the aluminum cans and mixed paper has generated revenues for the Town.

Other improvements at the end of Tada Dump Road included new fencing and renovations to the loading ramp to allow for filling the entire roll-off container. Because we pay Waste Management on a per trip basis to remove materials, we always attempt to maximize the payload. We now crush and tightly pack the construction container by squashing the debris with the backhoe.

Receipts from the transfer station have increased from \$7,296. to \$19,293., and costs for removal have decreased from \$145,305. to \$126,520., a combined savings of \$30,782. under our new management.

In closing I want to thank Paul Freitas of the Town of Plymouth, Mark Ober of the Town of Ashland, and especially our crew, who all helped to reduce our costs at the transfer station. Mr. Brown is now Lead Attendant, and he has done a great job – his honesty and integrity is something we all have benefited from- and we thank him for his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 11 & 12, 2003

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles one and two; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening of the following day, Wednesday, the twelfth day of March, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Offices by official ballot:

1	Selectman	3 Year Term
1	Moderator	2 Year Term
1	Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term
2	Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1	Fire Ward	3 Year Term

Article 2: To vote by official ballot on the amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and posted with this warrant.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000. for the design and construction phases of both the capping of the Town's landfill and a new transfer station that will qualify the Town for Federal and State funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed \$600,000. under and in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Holderness; and additionally to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the Federal and State governments and pass any vote relating thereto. Any income derived from the temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall be returned to the General Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

(Note: This article must be acted upon by written ballot, the polls must be open for one hour, and to pass the article must receive a two-thirds majority of those voting.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase of 12.56 acres of land from Margaret and Wilson Earl, being a portion of a parcel of land off East Holderness Road, Tax Map 252, Lot 16, said land to be used for a transfer station and recycling center, and to raise and appropriate \$97,500. for said purchase, due at the time of closing (note: a non-refundable \$2,500. deposit has been placed on the parcel).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote per RSA 669:17 & 17-b to authorize the position of Tax Collector to be appointed rather than elected, effective at the 2004 Town Meeting.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve paying to the Conservation Fund previously established under RSA 36-A: 5, 50% of all land use change tax receipts up to an annual limit of \$5,000., and to deposit all other land use change tax receipts into a land use change tax fund adopted under the provisions of RSA 79-A: 25-a to account for revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund. Any surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund shall not be a part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity at an annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the land use change tax fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any unappropriated balance of the land use change tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recreation Path Reserve Fund and transfer said funds to the General Fund (Note: balance on hand on 12/31/02 was \$45,671.)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Cruiser Reserve Fund to be used for funding the acquisition of future police vehicles, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500. to be deposited in that fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for a new police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate \$7,500. for the payment of the first year's lease cost. (Note: The proposed lease will be four payments of \$7,410.20 each, cruiser to cost \$27,121. and interest payments to cost \$2,519.80. The lease will contain a non-appropriation clause).

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,000. to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Trucks	\$30,000.
Road Reconstruction	90,000.
Town Hall	13,000.
Library	5,000.
Revaluation	39,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Village Sidewalks	5,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Master Plan	5,000.
Conservation Commission	5,000.

\$195,000.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$392,681 for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Town Hall	\$20,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
Public Works Vehicles	93,000.
Library	12,000.
Revaluation	62,500.
Dump Closing	29,403.
Master Plan	19,278.
Fire Equipment	6,500.

\$392,681

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred eighty five thousand, two hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,985,260.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution:
Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved:


That we, the citizens of Holderness, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

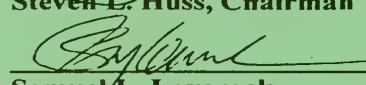
- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un – and underinsured, and small business owners have access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

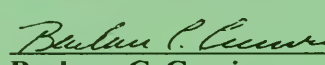
Article 15: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

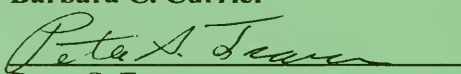
Given under our hands this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and three.

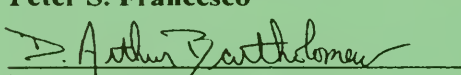
**HOLDERNESS
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN**


Steven L. Huss, Chairman


Samuel L. Laverack


Barbara C. Currier


Peter S. Francesco


D. Arthur Bartholomew

Cumulative Appropriations

<i>Article</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
3	\$600,000.	Landfill cap and transfer station bond
5	97,500.	Earl lot purchase
9	13,500.	To Police Cruiser Reserve Fund
10	7,500.	Lease/purchase of Police Cruiser
11	<u>195,000.</u>	Capital Projects Appropriations
Subtotal	\$913,500.	
13	<u>\$1,985,260.</u>	Net Remaining Budget
	\$2,898,760.	Gross Budget

BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2003

Source Of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
REVENUE			
TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	5,000	9,440	7,000
YIELD TAXES - CURRENT	12,000	11,243	12,000
BOAT TAX	7,500	8,351	8,000
IN LIEU OF TAXES		3,594	1,750
INT & PEN DELINQUENT	32,000	40,704	34,000
TOTAL	56,500	73,332	62,750
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	4,500	9,626	8,000
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	1,100	916	800
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	300,000	342,505	325,000
BUILDING PERMITS	4,000	5,665	5,500
OTHER LICENSES & PERMITS			
DOG LICENSES	2,400	2,704	2,600
MARRIAGE LICENSE	600	590	600
COPIER	600	2,160	2,000
VITAL RECORDS	500	901	800
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS	300	572	500
SUB TOTAL	4,400	6,927	6,500
TOTAL	314,000	365,639	345,800
STATE AND FEDERAL			
FEMA/STATE		20,975	
DES LANDFILL REIMBURSEMENT			15,000
SHARED REVENUE	8,430	16,815	8,385
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	55,052	55,053	55,053
OTHER GRANTS		0	
ROOM AND MEALS	50,285	56,181	56,181
REC PATH - GIFTS		0	
SRF LOAN			600,000
TOTAL	113,767	149,024	734,619

BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2003

CHARGES FOR SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

POLICE INCOME	2,000	1,985	1,600
POLICE-WITNESS FEES	400	120	300
POLICE-DETAILS	6,250	6,256	7,500
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	26,420	23,893	29,500
FIRE INCOME	350	3,774	350
BEACH INCOME	2,000	2,548	2,300
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	6,500	19,293	25,000
PLANNING INCOME	1,600	1,737	1,600
ZONING INCOME	1,000	1,403	1,000
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SUB TOTAL	46,520	61,009	69,150
SPRING SEWER	5,625	2,009	3,250
FALL SEWER	5,625	2,636	3,250
OTHER CHARGES INCOME			
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TOTAL	57,770	65,654	75,650

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

BETTERMENT ASST LANE RD	17,500	16,817	17,500
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY			
INTEREST CHECKING	800	188	100
INVESTMENT ACCT INTEREST	45,000	20,191	17,000
REFUNDS-INSURANCE	3,000	78	3,000
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	12,000	12,297	15,195
TRANS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	233,800	141,381	392,681
TRANS FROM CLOSED CAP FNDS	15,554	11,723	45,671
MISCELLANEOUS	5,000	3,073	10,000
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TOTAL	332,654	205,748	501,147
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TOTAL	874,691	859,397	1,719,966

BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2003

Purpose Of Appropriation (Rsa 32:3,V)	Actual Appropriations Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures For Prior Year	Selectmen's Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year	Budget Committee Recommendation Ensuing Fiscal Year
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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE	84,352	83,355	86,846	86,846
ELEC & VIT STATS	30,740	29,286	30,960	30,960
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	73,475	67,620	77,183	77,183
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT	15,000	10,121	15,000	15,000
LEGAL EXPENSE	20,000	12,617	20,000	20,000
PLANNING/ZONING	10,343	8,131	11,068	11,068
TOWN HALL	10,300	8,028	14,800	14,800
CEMETERIES	4,400	2,425	3,845	3,845
INSURANCE	144,643	127,938	156,627	156,627
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	400	284	400	400
FICA	36,209	33,988	35,618	35,618
RETIREMENT	23,520	22,520	28,490	28,490

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE	307,280	300,273	335,141	335,141
FIRE	100,053	85,221	104,445	104,445
EMERGENCY MGMT	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
PUBLIC SERVICE	8,690	6,300	4,994	4,994

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS/STREETS	225,842	198,425	228,173	228,173
LIGHTING	3,800	4,710	4,450	4,450

SANITATION

	190,296	165,290	194,450	194,450
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SEWER

	11,250	6,258	6,500	6,500
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HEALTH

ANIMAL CONTROL	1,100	1,125	1,100	1,100
HEALTH AGENCIES	30,220	27,890	35,478	35,478
HOSPITAL & AMBULANCE	22,846	22,846	21,724	21,724

WELFARE

DIRECT ASSISTANCE	7,500	5,578	8,440	8,440
SENIOR CITIZENS	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
CLINIC	650	650	650	650

CULTURE/RECREATION

BEACH	7,090	5,806	7,215	7,215
LIBRARY	37,661	38,794	39,200	39,200
PATRIOTIC	1,200	295	1,000	1,000
RECREATION	43,081	38,891	46,690	46,690

CONSERVATION

	2,950	2,220	1,700	1,700
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DEBT SERVICE

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BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 2003

CAPITAL OUTLAY

FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE	0	0	0	0
FIRE/POLICE PARKING LOT	0	0	0	0
BRIDGE SCHOOL RELOCATION	0	0	0	0
CRUISER-PURCHASE	0	0	0	0
TOWN OFFICE	16,000	16,000	20,000	20,000
TOWN OFFICE	0	55,602	0	0
ROAD RECON	150,000	92,052	150,000	150,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	0	0	93,000	93,000
LAND BOND	100,351	100,351	96,695	96,695
	0	0	0	0
	13300	12264	6500	6500
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS	0	0	0	0
DEFIBRILLATORS	0	0	0	0
POLICE CRUISER-LEASE		0	7,500	7,500
TRANSFER STA LAND DEPOSIT	10,000	2,500	0	0
LIBRARY	12,000	0	12,000	12,000
REVALUATION	42,500	42,500	62,500	62,500
REVALUATION	40,000	18,565	0	0
DUMP CLOSING	0	0	29,403	29,403
DUMP CLOSING			668,097	668,097
TAX MAP UPDATING	0	0	0	0
MASTER PLAN			19,278	19,278

TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	30,000	30,000	0	0
POLICE VEHICLES	0	0	13,500	13,500
FIRE TRUCK	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
ROAD RECON	150,000	150,000	90,000	90,000
TOWN HALL	6,500	6,500	13,000	13,000
LIBRARY	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
DUMP CLOSING/NEW TRNS STA	0	0	0	0
RECREATION PATH	0	0	0	0
REVALUATION	0	0	39,000	39,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
SAFETY BLDG	0	0	0	0
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TAX MAP UPDATING	0	0	0	0
WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
MASTER PLAN	6,000	6,000	5,000	5,000
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			5,000	5,000
REC PATH MAINT	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,077,642	1,894,319	2,898,760	2,898,760
NET APPROPRIATION	1,843,842	1,731,503	2,506,079	2,506,079

NOTE: NET APPROP EQUALS TOTAL APPROP LESS CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT.
THESE ITEMS ARE FUNDED FROM THE TRUST ACCOUNTS OR FUND BALANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2002

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2002 \$2,580,205.37

Receipts:

Property Taxes	\$6,926,596.64
All Other	865,903.62

Total	7,792,500.26
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Disbursements:

School	4,926,598.00
County	523,245.00
Wages - Town	622,112.30
Operations - Town	1,473,037.88

Total	7,544,993.18
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Balance on hand as of December 31, 2002 \$2,827,712.45

Proof of Balance:

Meredith Village Savings Bank - General Acct	\$2,325.71
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Payroll Acct	158.94
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Investment Acct	2,823,813.35
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Conservation Fund	1,414.45

Total	\$2,827,712.45
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This summary of receipts and disbursements is prepared using cash basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,
Micahel O'Leary
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

CEMETERY FUNDS:

Beginning Balance	\$11,627.00
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	174.12
Ending Balance	\$11,801.12

POLICE CRUISER:

Beginning Balance	\$10,027.87
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	10,147.55
Interest Earned	119.68
Ending Balance	\$0.00

FIRE TRUCK:

Beginning Balance	\$126,161.61
Contributions	30,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	2,100.97
Ending Balance	\$158,262.58

WHITE OAK POND FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$1,023.31
Contributions	1,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	22.07
Ending Balance	\$2,045.38

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance	\$15,748.02
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	235.88
Ending Balance	\$15,983.90

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS:

Beginning Balance	\$20,300.35
Contributions	6,500.00
Withdrawals	19,838.00
Interest Earned	264.94
Ending Balance	\$7,227.29

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

Beginning Balance	\$10,138.93
Contributions	150,000.00
Withdrawals	92,877.85
Interest Earned	1,169.12
Ending Balance	\$68,430.20

TRANSFER STATION:

Beginning Balance	\$58,587.38
Contributions	8,200.76
Withdrawals	38,171.46
Interest Earned	819.23
Ending Balance	\$29,435.91

SEWER CONSTRUCTION:

Beginning Balance	\$7,306.67
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	109.37
Ending Balance	\$7,416.04

RECREATION PATH:

Beginning Balance	\$44,996.79
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	674.04
Ending Balance	\$45,670.83

FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Beginning Balance	\$5,731.82
Contributions	4,355.51
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	99.72
Ending Balance	\$10,187.05

FLOOD EXPENDABLE TRUST:

Beginning Balance	\$14,149.19
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	211.89
Ending Balance	\$14,361.08

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$14,089.21
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	5,091.50
Interest Earned	219.87
Ending Balance	\$14,217.58

SAFETY BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$3,816.31
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	57.29
Ending Balance	\$3,873.60

TOWN REVALUATION FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$64,823.71
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	42,500.00
Interest Earned	824.43
Ending Balance	\$23,148.14

FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$20,157.91
Contributions	2,000.00
Withdrawals	12,264.00
Interest Earned	280.99
Ending Balance	\$10,174.90

VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$41,509.41
Contributions	5,000.00
Withdrawals	2,600.00
Interest Earned	642.69
Ending Balance	\$44,552.10

HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$5,634.00
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	84.40
Ending Balance	\$5,718.40

PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE:

Beginning Balance	\$127,895.74
Contributions	30,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	2,127.04
Ending Balance	\$160,022.78

TAX MAP UPDATE FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$5,525.58
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	5,575.35
Interest Earned	49.77
Ending Balance	\$(0.00)

MASTER PLAN

Beginning Balance	\$8,114.46
Contributions	6,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	163.97
Ending Balance	\$14,278.43

RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE

Beginning Balance	\$20,015.10
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	299.81
Ending Balance	\$20,314.91

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$35,050.48
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	524.82
Ending Balance	\$35,575.30

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL
LAND PURCHASE FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$81,875.54
Contributions	10,000.00
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	1,282.52
Ending Balance	\$93,158.06

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Beginning Balance	\$58,750.75
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	57,939.00
Interest Earned	612.57
Ending Balance	\$1,424.32

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING FUND:

Beginning Balance	\$56,002.33
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	55,228.00
Interest Earned	584.05
Ending Balance	\$1,358.38

PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
SPANISH CLUB:

Beginning Balance	\$1,727.33
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	200.00
Interest Earned	22.80
Ending Balance	\$1,550.13

FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Beginning Balance	\$2,689.90
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	150.00
Interest Earned	38.40
Ending Balance	\$2,578.30

ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP:

Beginning Balance	\$34,156.63
Contributions	1,494.09
Withdrawals	2,750.00
Interest Earned	487.33
Ending Balance	\$33,388.05

LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP:

Beginning Balance	\$9,801.99
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	146.88
Ending Balance	\$9,948.87

PERSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$20,414.70
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	500.00
Interest Earned	301.65
Ending Balance	\$20,216.35
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$3,061.78
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	75.00
Interest Earned	45.42
Ending Balance	\$3,032.20
ASH SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$3,472.12
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	90.00
Interest Earned	51.02
Ending Balance	\$3,433.14
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$570.28
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	7.91
Ending Balance	\$578.19
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$1,227.26
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	18.35
Ending Balance	\$1,245.61
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$13,443.90
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	2,000.00
Interest Earned	175.23
Ending Balance	\$11,619.13
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$9,694.00
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	500.00
Interest Earned	139.92
Ending Balance	\$9,333.92
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP:	
Beginning Balance	\$5,354.06
Contributions	3,087.24
Withdrawals	4,250.00
Interest Earned	43.28
Ending Balance	\$4,234.58

SCHOOL TO WORK 2001:	
Beginning Balance	\$281.98
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	283.00
Interest Earned	1.02
Ending Balance	\$0.00
SCHOOL TO WORK 2002:	
Beginning Balance	\$563.27
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	566.76
Interest Earned	3.49
Ending Balance	-0.00
EXT. MACHINE CLASS 2002:	
Beginning Balance	\$275.28
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	276.98
Interest Earned	1.70
Ending Balance	-0.00
EXT. MACHINE CLASS 2003:	
Beginning Balance	\$551.46
Contributions	-
Withdrawals	-
Interest Earned	7.59
Ending Balance	\$559.05
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	
Beginning Balance	\$0.00
Contributions	\$2,379.40
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$7.03
Ending Balance	\$2,386.43
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	
Beginning Balance	\$0.00
Contributions	\$41,563.37
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$15.44
Ending Balance	\$41,578.81
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS	\$667,122.22
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS	128,733.36
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS	2,782.70
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS	145,682.76
GRAND TOTAL	\$944,321.04

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of the Trust Funds
Maurice Lafreniere, Chairman
Anthony Raymond
Robert Sargeant

2002-BIRTHS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
November 26, 2001	Joseph David Thorne	Plymouth, NH	Donald Thorne	Nicole Thorne
January 28	Colin Edward Casey	Plymouth, NH	Joseph Casey	Ann Casey
February 8	Gaven Ellis Brown	Laconia, NH	Ross Brown	Tammy Brown
March 14	Amanda Voorhis Vansant	Concord, NH	Thomas Vansant	Nancy Voorhis
May 12	Matthew James Pittman	Holderness, NH	James Pittman	Sandra Dunfey
May 25	Isabelle Morgan Titus	Laconia, NH	Peter Titus	Dayna Titus
May 29	Lillian Jane Magnus	Laconia, NH	Kurt Magnus	Emily Magnus
July 2	Katherine Marie Veith	Plymouth, NH	William Veith	Bethany Veith
July 8	Graeme Paul Bradley	Lebanon, NH	Steven Bradley	Victoria Bradley
October 3	Chloe Frances Bushaw	Laconia, NH	Corey Bushaw	Bernadette Bushaw
October 21	Benjamin Ned Phillips	Plymouth, NH	David Phillips	Karen Phillips
November 4	Lucy Josephine Frost	Plymouth, NH	Richard Frost	Rebecca Frost
December 20	Rachel Tomacelli Lyford	Plymouth, NH	Thomas Lyford	Jami White-Lyford

MARRIAGES-2002

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
March 4	Michael J. Smith Randi L. Holden	Holderness, NH Moultonborough, NH
March 10	Norman Harry Smith, Jr. Laura Amy Stockton	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
May 25	Jason L. Nesbitt Leslie L. Whitcomb	Holderness, NH Rumney, NH
June 8	David D. Brown Megan B. Crowell	Rumney, NH Holderness, NH
July 6	John Merwin Clothier Kristen Vose Michaelides	Wonalancet, NH Bridgewater, NH
July 13	Michael Albert Boothroyd Stacy Leigh Hirschorn	Meriden, CT Meriden, CT
July 15	Henry Gerald Wylie Susan McDermott	Clinton, CT Clinton, CT
July 20	Jason Ryan Sharpe Amy Marie Mangers	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 27	Michael Anthony Vitale Margaret Mary Panzer	Rochester, NH Morris Plains, NJ
July 27	Christopher George Rainier Chanda Anne Butler	New York, NY New York, NY
July 28	Alan F. Mather Dorothy M. Smith	Holderness, NH Plymouth, NH

MARRIAGES-2002

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
August 3	Thomas E. Gammons Rae-Allyn Ingerson	Holderness, NH Lisbon, NH
August 3	Duncan Edward Zuckerman Eve Lyman Porter	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
August 3	Kevin Thomas Peters Stephanie Lee Collins	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 3	Nathan A. Dutile Kerri L. Biederman	Searcy, AR Holderness, NH
August 10	Henry Richardson Crawford Siobhan Louise Murphy	Washington, DC Washington, DC
August 17	Christopher McPherson Jackson Devona Lynn Botelho	Brookhaven, PA Brookhaven, PA
August 23	Ryan William MacDonald Monica Lynn Peters	Ashland, NH Ashland, NH
August 26	Jeffrey Burton Rietkerk Kimberly Gael Otto	Baltimore, MD Baltimore, MD
September 7	Peter Gordon Ambler Holly Holbrook	Canmore, Canada Canmore, Canada
September 7	Charles Edward Hall IV Emily Patterson Swindell	Hampton, VA Hampton, VA
September 14	Robert Wells Denison Laurie Richmond	Walpole, MA Walpole, MA

MARRIAGES-2002

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
September 21	John Huffman McLeod Katherine Kellam Ayres	New York, NY New York, NY
September 21	William Maurice Wilcox Diane Ruggiero	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 5	Steven W. Spead Sally A. Begin	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 12	Kostadin P. Stanchev Joyce M. Chase	Holderness, NH Campton, NH
November 14	Gary W. Kimball Linda N. Thompson	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
November 23	Charles Dixon Ashworth Marian S. Stupack	Hebron, NH Holderness, NH

DEATHS- 2002

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Schultz, Paul	January 12, 2002	Holderness, NH	Leroy Schultz	Roselyn Mollner
Frank F. Piper	January 15, 2002	Concord, NH	Richard Piper	Julia Fletcher
Henry E. Owens	February 18, 2002	Plymouth, NH	Henry Owens	Harriet Teubert
Matthew J. Pittman	May 20, 2002	Plymouth, NH	James Pittman	Sandra Knieriem
Robert W. Ford	July 13, 2002	Plymouth, NH	William Ford	Hattie Weeks
Christopher B. Moulton	August 8, 2002	Laconia, NH	Robert Moulton	Jane Hinman
Reggie L. Pettitt	October 2, 2002	Meredith, NH	Leslie Pettitt	Alvesta Wheeler
Alice Gill Goss	October 28, 2002	Meredith, NH	Harry Gill	Lavinia Townley
Denise C. Humphrey	December 13, 2002	Plymouth, NH	Eugene J. Brennan	Margaret Cronshey
Ernestine W Barney	December 14, 2002	Holderness, NH	Elwood T. Whittington	Betsy Covey

2002 WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL REPORT

Of the twelve families that received aid in 2002, five were new to the system. Totally, they received \$6325. in aid, predominantly for rent and electricity and to a lesser degree, food and prescriptions. This represents \$850 less than last year.

Four other clients filled out an application but did not need or choose to follow through on their requests. In some situations, this office spent a good number of hours researching the needs.

One client's landlord returned the security deposit to the Town as is our policy.

Two families are in great need for housing. It is the policy of this office not to find housing for clients but to give them a list of rentals in the area.

This office helped the student council advisors of Holderness Central School and the Holderness Fire Department with names of those who could benefit from a Thanksgiving basket or Christmas presents for children in the families. Both organizations have done a great job in making the holidays brighter.

The NH Local Welfare Administration Association holds meetings eight times a year and has two semi-annual meetings. This administrator attends many of these beneficial meetings. I have been pleased to serve this Town of Holderness for the last four years.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgene W. Fabian

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Serving on the Zoning board of Adjustment presents an interesting challenge to its members. We are bound by State and local ordinances, as well as judicial rulings. When cases are presented we must review the applications taking into account the town ordinances and the impact on the town and surrounding areas. Many of the cases we hear pertain to existing or “grandfathered” properties.

Interesting yes, challenging, you bet!

During 2002 we heard a total of 9 cases.

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>
Variances (7)	2	5
Administrative Appeal (1)		1
Special Exceptions (1)	Continuation	

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Barbera, Chairman
Ron Huntoon, Vice-Chairman
Gyda Dicosola
Ivan Bass
Larry Gooch

Alternate Members:
Harry Decker
Susan Webster

OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Martha Macomber
Shane Sirles
Ty Gagne
James Scales
Joe Ready

Term Expires

2003
2003
2004
2004
2005

CLERK

Vacant

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittemore

MODERATOR

Malcolm Taylor

AUDITOR

Grzelak and Associates

SUPERINTENDENT

John W. True, Jr.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Mark Halloran

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2002

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. It was moved and duly seconded to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. The Moderator then asked Michael Joseph Hayes to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under unanimous consent Joanna "Joey" Tuveson was appointed to serve as Clerk *pro tem* for the meeting as there was no clerk for the District. (No candidate filed for the ensuing year either.)

Results of the Holderness and Pemi Baker Cooperative School District election of March 12, 2002 were announced. Joseph Ready defeated Edward Swanson for a three-year term on the School Board; Tink Taylor was voted in again as Moderator, as was Kathleen Whittemore for Treasurer. For the Pemi Baker School District: Quentin Blaine, Moderator; Ann Marie Reeve of Ashland; Fred Anderson of Campton; Ross Deachman of Holderness; Jeffrey McIver of Holderness; Kathy Ringlein of Plymouth defeated John Wood, Jr.; Kenneth Sutherland of Plymouth defeated Patrice Scott and Christopher Mongeon; and Gregory Turmelle of Rumney defeated Arthur Morrill.

Article I: moved by Ross Deachman and seconded by Mike Hayes. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports of all audits, committees and School District officers.

Article II: moved by Ross Deachman and seconded by Bob Tuveson. Mike Hayes questioned what land the School was looking to purchase. Peter Francesco responded that the money (\$10,000) was being deposited into a Capital Reserve Fund to purchase the fields behind the School should that land ever become available. Without further discussion, Article II was adopted.

Considering the inclement weather and the limited number of voters in attendance (25), the Moderator asked if there was sufficient sentiment to recess the meeting to another time. A motion to recess was moved and seconded. Speaking against that motion, Mike O'Leary stated that even in good weather, attendance rarely exceeds present numbers.

No further comments were made. The motion failed.

Article III: was moved, seconded and opened for discussion. Based on the school budget handout, Ross Deachman noted that the appropriation side of the budget was listed as being down \$19,341. "The fact of the matter is," he said, "the operating budget is up more than \$52,000 if you take out reduced bond payments and the capital payment of \$55,000 for the tennis courts." He asked if he were correct in assuming that "this has now been replaced by operating appropriations." Peter Francesco replied in the affirmative, noting that the budget is indeed up \$37,756. Without further comment or discussion, Article III passed unanimously.

Article IV: School Board member Ty Gagne was recognized. He commended Peter

Francesco for 12 years of dedicated service to the Board and enumerated some of Peter's many accomplishments – his Board chairmanship, his active participation in the Middle School expansion project, his expertise in negotiating contracts, his efforts in purchasing the "Holderness Central School Annex" and surrounding land and, most importantly, his ability to put the needs of the students first. A unique and personal commemorative painting (done by Holderness resident Barbara Boyd) and a nautical mantel clock were presented in appreciation. Peter received a standing ovation and good wishes for his new tenure on the Board of Selectmen.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna R. Tuveson
Clerk, *pro tem*

Note: Following adjournment, new Board member Joseph Ready and re-elected Treasurer, Kathleen Whittemore, were sworn in to office by the Moderator.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the eleventh day of March, 2003 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 26th day of February, 2003.

Ty H. Gagne
Joseph M. Ready
Martha C. Macomber
Shane D. Sirles
James S. Scales, DPM

A true copy of warrant attest:

Ty H. Gagne
Joseph M. Ready
Martha C. Macomber
Shane D. Sirles
James S. Scales, DPM

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Wednesday the nineteenth day of March, 2003, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited in the already established Capital Reserve Fund for Land Purchase. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School District and the Holderness Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2003-2004	\$27,568
2004-2005	\$13,660
2005-2006	\$16,066

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$27,568) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$3,302,520) three million, three hundred two thousand five hundred twenty dollars for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and includes the sums found in Articles 2 and 3. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and
Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise
and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a
quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates
have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district
budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District oppose any
and all unfunded and under-funded federal educational mandates, including
but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left
Behind Law as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the
IDEA/Special Education Laws. The Board recommends this article.

Article 6: To transact any further business which may legally come before
the meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand
and three.

Ty H. Gagne
James S. Scales, DPM
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Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

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Holderness School Board

Budget School District of Holderness

FY2004

MS 27

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2001 to 6/30/2002	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Not Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Not Recommended
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	1,230,098.00	1,301,332.00	1,457,072.00		1,457,072.00	
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	389,881.00	357,046.00	396,348.00		396,348.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs							
1400-1499	Other Programs		20,467.00	31,982.00	30,908.00		30,908.00	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		196,347.00	208,195.00	220,548.00		220,548.00	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		77,665.00	88,781.00	91,812.00		91,812.00	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION								
2310-840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		24,143.00	19,462.00	19,841.00		19,841.00	
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION								
2320-310	SAU Management Services		125,488.00	142,833.00	147,872.00		147,872.00	
2320-2329	All Other Executive							
2400-2499	School Administration Service		135,315.00	135,479.00	156,997.00		156,997.00	
2500-2599	Business		860.00	0.00	900.00		900.00	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	3	186,414.00	190,848.00	219,389.00		219,389.00	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		106,082.00	109,846.00	114,565.00		114,565.00	
2800-2999	Other Support Service							
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES							
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5110	Debt Service - Principal		230,000.00	230,000.00	230,000.00		230,000.00	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		91,295.00	75,335.00	59,145.00		59,145.00	

Budget School District of Holderness

FY2004

MS 27

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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/2001 to 6/30/2002	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	Not Recommended	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR Recommended	Not Recommended

FUND TRANSFERS

5220-5221	To Food Service		124,813.00	118,533.00	127,543.00		127,543.00	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		30,738.00	5,400.00	20,000.00		20,000.00	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves	2	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see pg.3)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	SUBTOTAL 1		2,959,582.00	3,023,030.00	3,302,520.00		3,302,520.00	

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ (see RSA 198:20-c.V)

Help! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

Budget School District of Holderness**FY2004****MS27**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition				
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		1,800.00	500.00	500.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources (WC/UE Dividends, OT Reim)		81,717.00	12,400.00	3,000.00
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3110	Foundation Aid				
3120	Shared Revenue				
3210	School Building Aid		72,900.00	72,900.00	72,900.00
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		0.00	4,162.00	0.00
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		3,400.00	0.00	0.00
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		79,443.00	87,533.00	93,000.00
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		2,000.00	5,400.00	20,000.00
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Rev Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Cont'd)					
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
	Unreserved Fund Balance		9,360.00	870.00	0.00
5140	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ = NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted from Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		0.00	254,620.00	187,765.00	191,400.00

**** BUDGET SUMMARY ****

	SCHOOL BOARD'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	3,302,520.00	3,302,520.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	included in subtotal 1	included in subtotal 1
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	included in subtotal 1	included in subtotal 1
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,302,520.00	3,302,520.00
less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	191,400.00	191,400.00
less: Amount of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*	0.00	0.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised for School District Assessment	3,111,120.00	3,111,120.00

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2002

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for the incredibly generous and warm welcome I have received as the new principal of HCS. This is a special community, which I truly feel is unique, and which I am proud to be part of. After an exhaustive self-study, the school became involved in the Best Schools Initiative in the spring. In July the initiative was announced and kicked off at a community picnic welcoming me to Holderness. It was wonderful to meet so many community members, students and staff and enjoy the Common Man's delicious generosity and the Pelletiers' wonderful music. I joined the Best Schools Team, composed of Superintendent John True, ten faculty members, a board member and four community members at a five-day leadership institute in July. We went over our self-study and came up with strengths, weaknesses and our future desired state as we drafted a strategic plan. The next step was to solicit community input. This fall a half dozen "teas" have been held to gather as much feedback as possible from this community. In addition, every staff member and student has given feedback into this process. It's all about making HCS the very best school it can be and having every student achieve at his/her highest level in all aspects. Our strategic plan is in place and our action teams are up and running as we begin this never-ending journey of self-improvement. The bottom line will always be our children. Please do not hesitate to call if you would like to become involved with this exciting initiative.

We rewrote our crisis plan this fall and have begun training the staff in new safety procedures. In addition, a parent volunteer steering committee has worked at bringing a structure to our volunteer program and has written a volunteer handbook and initiated new sign in procedures. We hope to encourage more volunteering and community involvement, as I firmly believe a school is only as good as its community involvement. We also have a new technology plan as we look ahead to our students' futures.

To remember September 11th, we honored our hometown heroes in our dedicated police and firemen and women. Our students "adopted" police or fire department members to correspond with and honor throughout the year. To teach the importance of giving and community, our new student council members and the students and staff as a whole contributed to Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts and food to community members. Our advisory program at the middle school level has been expanded and students meet in small groups with their advisors daily in order to talk about important issues such as character, current events, study skills and important teen issues such as surviving adolescence!

The Artists-in-Residency program on Myths was again an outstanding success due to the incredible efforts of our visiting artists, middle school staff and community volunteers. Melody Funk again did a superb job coordinating this fantastic experience for our students and the community. We welcomed two new staff members, Music teacher

Chandra Hazelton and Life Skills teacher Michelle Chamberlain who both helped with the program and who have added greatly to our school.

There are incredible things going on in every classroom and I could go on and on. Suffice it to say I have enjoyed every one of your 232 precious children and this school has a most dedicated, professional faculty and staff. Our students continue to do well at the high school, which is a testament to this school's programs and staff. I am honored to work here. Your feedback is always appreciated and welcomed. Thank you all so much for all of your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra L. McLaughlin

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2001-2002

The following is the 2001-2002 report on health services as provided by the school nurse. The main objective is to maintain the general health of all students. This is accomplished by early identification of health problems, health education, and with the use of first aid.

Plymouth Pediatrics again conducted health/sport physicals on 31 students from grades 5 and 7 and on new students in grades 6 and 8.

The fluoride mouth rinse program again had good participation from students in grades first through fourth. These students had the opportunity to do fluoride rinsing once a week throughout the school year.

Holderness Central School students were again in compliance with the state immunization laws. A report was sent to the New Hampshire Division of Public Health, which indicated that all new and transferred students were in compliance with all immunization requirements.

A Flu vaccine clinic was offered to the Holderness Central School community in late October, with 40 faculty, staff and parents taking advantage of this program.

The dental program was offered to all students in January 2002. Mrs. Barbara Laverack, registered dental hygienist, provided oral examinations and dental cleanings along with classroom instruction. The total student body participated in the school wide screening. Of 241 students examined, 204 students had no evidence of decay.

The Annual mumps, measles, and rubella immunization clinic was held in April 2002. The Pemi-Baker Health Agency and Mrs. Phyllis Chase, RN immunized 11 sixth grade students with the MMR vaccine.

Pre-Kindergarten screening was provided for 16 new incoming kindergarten students.

Heights, weights, screening tests for hearing, vision, blood pressures, and scoliosis as well as head lice checks were done throughout the school year. Referrals are sent home as necessary. As the school nurse, I continue to be available as a resource person to students, parents and teachers. I wish to thank all school personnel, parents and volunteers for their support and cooperation in carrying out our health programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Chase, RN
School Nurse

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2002-2003

I would like to take this opportunity to review some initiatives we have undertaken as well as some issues that could impact each of our districts over the next several years. This summer SAU #48 received a grant to participate in a Gates Foundation program which involves the use of technology by administrators to improve the school system. The area of need chosen by the principals is 8th grade transition to the 9th grade at the high school. Both elementary and high school administrators have a strong desire to improve the success of freshmen at the high school. In order to do this it will necessitate more sophisticated orientation activities for entry students as well as greater coordination between middle and high school teachers. This coordination needs to occur in the areas of homework, discipline and curriculum. The high school has already changed the type of open house/orientation for parents of 8th grade students that occurred during January. It was more informative and very well received by our parents. Other areas that are being reviewed are heterogeneous English classes which will allow all students to succeed and provide for honors credits for highly motivated and capable students. Even though the block schedule has been a success, we are reviewing it in order to make it even more user friendly for students. Additionally there has been discussion for the need for freshmen groupings of students which would allow four or five teachers to have the same group of students. This would assist in communication, advising, coordination and instruction. The high school administration has done an excellent job of identifying the characteristics of students who struggle upon entering grade 9. From this data analysis we will be able to focus more specifically on the needs of those students.

Technology, as it is in business and industry, is a growing and important facet of our schools. The high school will be adding a non-teaching position to assist with program training for teachers, network maintenance, technology upgrading and general troubleshooting. This should assist our elementary schools greatly as the SAU technology director will be able to focus more time on our elementary schools. As technology becomes more integrated into classroom instruction, the need for upgrading and maintenance will continue. It is increasingly apparent that the basic skills for success in today's world will move from the 3 R's to the 3 R's and T, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Technology.

It is important to note that one of the issues facing all of our schools is increasing federal mandates. Our special education children need to receive a quality education, but our federal government has mandated very stringent and expensive demands on our schools. In 1973 when the present law was passed, it appeared that the federal government would try to fund a large portion of the related expenses (this is written into the law). However, Congress has never appropriated the necessary funds and our entire SAU receives 8% of the cost from the federal government for educating a special education child. This is entirely inadequate. We are now approaching another series of mandates from the federal government called the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind. This law requires rigorous testing, greater qualification requirements for teachers, individual student tutoring and even infers a loss of local control by having the Department of Education assume control of our schools.

Only 6% of our revenues are federal money. Such a small financial contribution for such unprecedented control of our schools is unjustifiable. It is estimated the cost of this is approximately \$577.00 per student. Increased federal revenues will result in approximately \$77.00 which would leave a cost of approximately \$500.00 per student. The impact on our schools will be as follows:

Plymouth Regional High School – an additional taxpayer cost of \$438,000.00

Plymouth Elementary School – additional taxpayer cost of \$240,500.00

Campton Elementary School – additional taxpayer cost of \$160,000.00

Holderness Central School – additional taxpayer cost of \$118,000.00

Thornton Central School – additional taxpayer cost of \$96,500.00

Russell Elementary School – additional taxpayer cost of \$78,500.00

Wentworth Elementary School – additional taxpayer cost of \$45,500.00

Waterville Valley Elementary School – additional taxpayer cost of \$16,500.00

This is clearly an unfunded mandate. Our legislature in its wisdom has provided a law which prevents Concord from requiring mandates it does not pay for. It seems that a similar law is necessary for Congress. Our State legislators are trying to find a way to deal with this through legislation and some of our warrants will contain language which, although advisory, allows our citizens to express their concern about unfunded federal mandates.

Another issue many of our districts face is the loss of state revenues. The adequacy funding in a number of our districts is down significantly. There are two issues related to this. One, if the state is going to provide funds to support its share of public education, it needs to find an appropriate revenue resource. Also whatever adequacy funding eventually emerges it needs to be consistent from year to year. It is very difficult for our local school boards and taxpayers to see increases and decreases year to year well over \$200,000. This has significant impact on the tax rate which has resulted in several of our boards struggling with their budgets.

Overall the students in SAU #48 are doing well in school and are happy and safe. There is increasing coordination between our elementary schools and high school, more of our students than ever before are going on to four-year and two-year colleges, our drop out rate is amongst the lowest in the state and our students do very well on nationally standardized tests which generally reflect how well our students will do on the SAT's and is generally an accurate predictor of their success after high school. Our parents and community members are extremely supportive of public education and this knowledge spurs our teachers and administrators to strive to fulfill that trust. We are very fortunate to have school boards and communities that value quality education for our young people.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. True, Jr.

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT **SPECIAL EDUCATION** **ACTUAL EXPENDITURES REPORT** **PER RSA 32:11-A**

	Fiscal Year 2000/2001	Fiscal Year 2001/2002
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Expenditures	\$447,217	\$522,072
Revenues	\$142,747	\$136,519
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Net Expenditures	\$304,470	\$385,553
	=====	=====
\$ increase/decrease		\$ 81,083
% increase/decrease		26.63%

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT - 2002

A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public Boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main St., Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is (603) 271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make sure our region is part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at: <http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/> or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All town, counties and cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a Starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the Department of Transportation web site: <http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/>.

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget. For every dollar of taxation we send to Washington we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg, and Sununu, and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better!

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

Sincerely Yours,
Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2002, 50 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 1,080 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 914 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 574 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 53 visits by a trained social worker.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteer to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,325 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2002 was \$18,510.00.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
OCTOBER 1, 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 50† Holderness residents (out of 345 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	1,994	x	\$ 5.74	\$11,445.56
Transportation	Trips	574	x	\$10.60	\$ 6,084.40
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$ 3.27	\$ 0.00
Social Services	Half-Hours	53	x	\$18.49	\$ 979.97

Number of Holderness volunteers: 6†. Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,325

GCSCC cost to provide services for Holderness residents only\$18,509.93

Request for Senior Services for 2002	\$2,175.00
Received from Town of Holderness for 2002	\$1,050.00
Request for Senior Services for 2003	\$2,175.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14.3%, Contributions 10.9%, In-Kind donations 16.2%, Other 2%, Friends of GCSCC 5.6%.

2002 HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Work continues on improvement to the Historical Society building. The year 2002 saw many accomplishments, such as; the entrance doors in front of the building have been replaced with doors that open out, instead of in. These were equipped with panic bars to bring us up to code for public buildings. Now, all doors that lead out of the building are equipped in this manner.

An alarm system has been installed. This system protects the building in case of fire, smoke or unauthorized entry. It also includes a low temperature alarm set at 40° F as an alert in case of a furnace failure. An alarm for these items is sent via telephone to alert the proper authorities equipped to handle these situations.

The outside of the building received a new coat of much needed paint. The sign on the front of the building has been improved with a new paint job. Also, the wooden shutters have been repainted and installed. The floor in the attic area has been installed. This addition will now make it possible to proceed with work to finish this area for much needed space.

We added additional show cases and shelving in our main floor display area. These items were acquired from "Ames" when they closed.

Our membership is still strong. We continue to receive support from many individuals. The Board of Directors is very appreciative of the help of this nature.

The "Old Home Day" celebration was held again in 2002. We feel that support by participation, of more individuals in activities of the day, would do a lot to improve the observance of Old Home Day. We would like to express our thanks to the many businesses in Town, as well as the Town Office for their support which made it possible for us to continue financially on this day.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Gage, President 2002

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC
Certified Public Accountants

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February 5, 2003

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Holderness, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2003.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement

The management of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2002, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal

control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2002

Assets

Cash		\$4,000
Investments		2,823,813
Accounts receivable		5,319
Taxes receivable, net		285,923
Tax liens receivable, net		88,616
Due from other funds		3,313
Prepaid expenditures		1,101
Tax deeded property		1,924
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Total assets	<i>Nicholas De Ruvo</i> <i>Bookkeeper</i>	\$3,214,009 =====



Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		\$51,573
Accrued liabilities		2,784
Due to Holderness School District		1,285,265
Due to Pemi-Baker School District		826,511
Due to State of New Hampshire - education taxes		397,085
Deferred revenue		6,645
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Total liabilities		2,569,863 =====
 Fund Balance:		
Reserved for conservation		1,414
Reserved for sewer		3,300
Unreserved:		
Designated for:		
Village sidewalks		2,400
Dump closure		11,388
Revaluation		21,435
Undesignated		604,209
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Total fund balance		644,146 <hr/>
Total liabilities and fund balance		\$3,214,009 =====

INTER-LAKES DAY CARE CENTER & NURSERY SCHOOL

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit community agency that has been serving the greater Lakes Region, offering child care services, education and support for children and families for over 30 years. The Center is open on a year-round basis from 6:30am to 5:30pm for ages 6 weeks through 12 years, making it possible for parents to maintain employment.

The Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School's early childhood program provides comprehensive, developmentally appropriate infant, toddler, preschool, and school age extended-day programs within a safe and nurturing environment for the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children, while responding to the needs of families by providing morning preschool programs, summer and vacation day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks. Other services include healthcare, special needs support, vision and hearing screening, dental care transportation for kindergarten, and sponsorship of a group of 26 home daycare providers who serve approved meals and snacks and receive reimbursement from USDA.

Through the State of New Hampshire, under Title XX, sliding fee scale tuition, based on income and family size, is available for purposes of employment, training, academic pursuits, job search, or temporary disability. Supporting families with quality, comprehensive child care leads to strong families raising healthy children. We extend our sincere thanks to the Town of Holderness for its continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Pelletier, Executive Director

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES 2002 REPORT

In the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks there was a slight uptick in public demonstrations of patriotism. Flag sales set all sorts of records; posters and bumper stickers appeared everywhere. But even with all this we are faced with the situation where there are more folks marching in the Memorial Day parade than watching it. The time to re-examine what this day of national observance has come to symbolize in Holderness may now have arrived.

Recent attempts to electronically amplify the speeches and recitations of "On Flanders Field" by the Ashland Legion Post Auxiliary members, even pass out programs and hire the best bands, have met with favor from the few who still attend. but it remains a special day for those who can still recall World War II even though it's a special day commemorating all U.S. Now seems to be the opportune time for the next generation to embrace the same values.

Another part of the problem is logistical. Memorial Day has been folded into the long weekend that marks the official kick-off to the summer tourist season. It falls at a time when many of our fellow townsfolk are away or are opening camps and businesses, or are heavily involved in yards sales.

As a child I can remember when everything stopped for Memorial Day and the whole community turned out to honor our war veterans. During those days it stood alone in significance. But times have changed.

What we need now is a full discussion of what new direction "Patriotic Purposes" should take and how we might involve the next generations more. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Malcolm (Tink) Taylor, Chairman

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE HOLDERNESS TOWN REPORT - 2002

Many exciting events have taken place over the past year. Perhaps the most significant one is that our agency, after nearly thirty-four years in business, has changed its name and logo . . . a fresh new look to reflect our continued commitment to excellence in healthcare in the new millennium.

Pemi-Baker Home Health is a non-profit New Hampshire licensed Medicare Homecare and Hospice certified agency. Services include skilled nursing care, geriatric nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Workers, Home Health Aids, Homemakers, home safety assessments, Alzheimer's Respite (by arrangement), blood pressure clinics, diabetic education & support, annual flu clinic, DNR program, Hospice program, Long Term Care program, ostomy education and support, Private Duty and Respiratory Therapy (by arrangement), Immunization clinics and community education programs.

Agency staff made 1053 visits in 2002 to the Town of Holderness. Town appropriations, even though a small portion of our budget, help defray the cost of services either not covered at all or partially covered. Our charity care to those who cannot afford to pay for services along with inadequate funding from the state is lost revenue that continues to grow each year. Support from our towns as well as contributions to our annual fund campaign enable us to continue providing much needed services.

Some other significant programs have been initiated by the agency. We now use Telemonitoring devices in homes and can monitor high risk cardiac patients by daily monitoring of their vital signs and weight. Another endeavor is collaboration with Speare Memorial Hospital that provides education and assessment of pregnant Medicaid recipients from one month into their pregnancy to one year of age for their child. Still another endeavor is our monthly health series that runs on Channel 3 public access station. current health topics discussed with guest speakers and the programs to date have elicited very positive feedback and requests for more. Pemi-Baker continues to collaborate with Plymouth Regional Senior Center in the Adult Day Program that has been running since the summer.

The workforce shortage in nursing and other clinical direct care staff along with a burdensome regulatory system are but two factors that continue to challenge the home care industry as a whole. The road ahead continues to be paved with uncertainties as our population ages and health-care costs increase because of greater utilization. Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice will continue its commitment to quality programs and services that benefit our local communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Webb
Berry Nicholson

PRIVATE WELL USERS

Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well? The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire: Arsenic, Bacteria, Fluoride, Nitrate, Radium, Radon, Sodium, Uranium, and Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs).

Where can you learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the NN Department of Environmental Services' website at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression costs.

A new law effective January 1, 2002 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdf.org or 272-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52.....	13.5
Carroll	80.....	10.5
Cheshire	39.....	17
Coos	3.....	2.5
Grafton	53.....	21
Hillsborough	108.....	54.5
Merrimack.....	94.....	13.5
Rockingham	60.....	25.5
Strafford	31.....	23
Sullivan	20.....	6

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking.....	32
Rekindle of Permit.....	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc*	356

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

2002 REPORT OF UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants, UNH Cooperative Extension educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council. Each of the state's ten counties supports an Extension office.

Extension Advisory Council: Members include: W. Michael Dannehy, Woodsville; Jim Kinder, Haverhill; Alyssa Lucas, Woodsville; Tosona Melanson, Dorchester; Cindy Putnam, Piermont; Debby Robie, Bath; Ilse Scheller, Wentworth; Dave Thompson, Lincoln; Susan Tomasetti, Littleton; and Michael Townsend, Lebanon. The Advisory Council meets every other month.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on site visits, conferences and web sites. Media outlets help us reach one of every three county residents. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keep up-to-date on the latest research and information, and work collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

Extension Staff: Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy Specialist; Deborah Maes, Family & Community Development; Northam Parr, Forest & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; and Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP program. Educators are supported by Donna Mitton, Kristina Vaughan and Sharon Youngman.

New or enhanced efforts during FY01 (October 2001 through September 2002) include:

- Nutrition Connections' programs enrolled 164 low-income family members in programs to modify diet and food preparation, skills and behavior and improve nutritional health. 'Nutrition Connections' collaborated with and marketed programs through over 60 agencies, health clinics, schools, welfare offices and shelters.
- 4-H Leader Training for volunteers were held in gardening, public speaking, and water resources education. There are 102 active leaders in 4-H, including 16 new volunteers. 470 County youth participated in 4-H activities. There are currently 32 active clubs. Three Grafton Co. 4-H'ers received college scholarships/awards from local funds established for that purpose.
- Food safety certification programs were held in 8 communities, for food handling

staff of nursing homes, schools, hospitals, senior centers and restaurants. About 70 participants passed the National SERVSAFE exam as a result. A Community Profile was held in Canaan. Land Conservation and Protection Workshops were held in Sugar Hill and Rumney.

- The LEAP program (Lifeskills for Employment, Achievement and Purpose) successfully 'graduated' eleven participants; seven have obtained full-time employment, three have earned GEDs, two have completed CNA training, and six have enrolled their children in State Licensed Child Care.
- Thirty-eight Farm-Family participants completed Ag-Business courses in North Haverhill, a cooperative program with UVM that improves financial planning, accounting and management. More than 100 producers attended a West Lebanon conference on Dairy Management Practices with a focus on financial management and profitability. Also in West Lebanon, the New England Dairy Feed Conference focused on forage production and management.
- Current Use tax program information and assistance-including revised Forestland Stewardship criteria D was provided to communities, assessing officials and land-owners through public meetings and direct consultation, to help keep this open-space incentive strong. Extension referrals to private sector licensed foresters resulted in new management plans on 15,000 acres, erosion control on 10 miles of roads and trails, and improved timber harvesting practices. The 15th Annual Grafton County Conservation Field Days at the County Farm taught 150 5th graders and their teachers about soils, water, wildlife, farm animals, forestry and gardening, just before black fly season!
- Grant-funded research projects included phosphorous and nitrogen application guidelines and vegetative buffer utility to protect water quality and farm profitability.

**UNH Grafton County Cooperative Extension Office Hours are
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Respectfully submitted,
Northam D Parr
County Office Administrator

THE SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) is dedicated to conserving for the public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and unique resource values of the lakes and surrounding area. In cooperation with local and state authorities and other conservation organizations, the Association promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region. Since 1904, the Association has focused in three primary areas to fulfill our mission: conservation, education, and outreach.

Conservation: The SLA, aided by numerous volunteers, has collected over twenty-five years of water quality data in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire's Lay Lake Monitoring Program. In addition, the tributaries around the watershed are being monitored on a monthly basis to examine phosphorus loading into the lakes and implement Best Management Practices where necessary. In 2002, the first year of a baseline bio-inventory project was completed. The data collected will be used to enhance the monitoring of watershed health and inform decision makers who actively support legislation that will conserve and protect the Squam Lakes Watershed.

A growing concern for the watershed is the invasive plant, variable milfoil that has been found in both of the lakes and the channel. Non-native invaders, such as milfoil, disrupt the food chain, stunt fish growth, and degrade wildlife habitat and water quality. In areas that are completely overtaken by variable milfoil, fishing, swimming, and boating are virtually impossible. A decline in property values is another consequence of invasive species infestations. Once milfoil is found in a lake, with no known method of eradication, the only option is to manage the plant through various techniques. Our main management techniques are handpicking, laying bottom barrier netting, surveying, and herbicide applications. In the past 18 months, there have been over 1598 man-hours devoted to milfoil management by SLA staff, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, private consultants, and local residents. The SLA has spent over \$40,000 on milfoil management and will continue to allocate funds for this purpose in the coming years. We are looking for volunteers to help monitor the 65 miles of shoreline surrounding the lakes. If you would like to sign up for this vital program, please contact the Squam Lakes Association at 968-7336.

Education: The SLA offers a summer youth program in July and August. There are two different programs that introduce children to the unique resources of the Squam Lakes Region. The Junior Squam Lakes Association Program seeks to develop the next generation of environmental stewards through outdoor activities including hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and camping. The other program is our award winning Community Youth Sailing Program that introduces children to the techniques of sailing using Optimist and Club Junior class sailboats. For each of these programs there are scholarships offered to students residing in the five watershed towns. These scholarships are provided to children exemplifying qualities of good citizenship or humanitarianism. The Squam Lakes Association also offers American Canoe Association certified kayak instruction,

educates and promotes safe boating, and works with local schools to educate students about the watershed.

Outreach: To enhance public access to the Squam Lakes and promote low-impact recreational use, the SLA rents canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. We also manage fourteen backcountry campsites on Moon Island, Bowman Island, Chamberlain-Reynolds Memorial Forest, and Mead Base. SLA provides low-impact public boat access at the SLA Headquarters and at Belknap Woods. The SLA also manages and protects properties available for public recreation in the Squam Lakes area and maintains over 50 miles of hiking trails in the Squam Range, Rattlesnakes, Red Hill, and the Sandwich Range.

SLA also produces numerous publications including our *Loon Flyer*, *The Squam Lakes Water Trail Guide*, and *The Squam Trail Guide*. Our website, www.squam lakes.org, provides detailed information about our events such as Winterfest, Hike for the Trails, Bike Around the Lake, Pancake Breakfast, Sail Around the Lake, and our Annual Meeting.

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TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

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Administrator's Office - Town Hall - Route 3 **968-2145**

Selectmen's Office - Town Hall - Route 3 **968-3537**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

Fax

968-9954

E-mail: holdnhus@worldpath.net

Compliance/Health Officer - Fire Station - Route 3 **968-4491**

(Building Permits/Septic Permits)

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Town Hall - Route 3 **968-7536**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

Transfer Station - Tada Dump Road (off Route 3) **279-6336**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday - Saturday

8:00AM to 5:00PM

Sunday - 1:00PM - 5:00PM

PERMITS TO TRANSFER STATION AND BEACH AVAILABLE FROM TOWN CLERK

Recreation Department - Town Hall - Route 3 **968-3700**

e-mail - holdrec@worldpath.net

Hours varied per season

Public Works Garage - Beede Road **536-2932**

Police Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency) **968-9555**

Administrative Office Hours - Monday & Tuesday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

Fire Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency) **968-4491**

Volunteer Department

POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 536-1626 (Police Dispatch)

FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 524-1545 (Fire Dispatch)



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